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CZECHS SIGN DEATH WARRANT

German Troops To Disarm Czech Army

A SPOKESMAN OF THE CZECH GOVERNMENT, WHICH WENT INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION AT 2 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING TO AWAIT THE RESULT OF THE BERLIN TALKS, TOLD REUTER WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES:

"GERMAN TROOPS WILL ENTER CZECH TERRITORY AT 5 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. THE CZECH ARMY WILL BE DISARMED BY THE GERMANS AS THEY MEET."

It is stated that the Berlin talks ended in failure for the Czechs. — Reuter.

(The German entry into Czecho-Slovakia started at 1 p.m., Hong Kong Time).

"FULL SATISFACTION"

It is believed that Germany has received full satisfaction on all points.

It is stated that a basis of agreement had been reached before President Hacha left Prague, but the details, however, took longer to settle than expected.

A communique is expected to be issued shortly. — Reuter.

HACHA REFUSES STATEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler's conference with President Hacha of Czecho-Slovakia ended shortly after 3.30 a.m. (G.M.T.).

President Hacha looked grave as he drove away, and declined to make a statement. — Reuter.

The Death Warrant

Berlin, To-day.

An official communique issued at the conclusion of the Hitler-Hacha conference declares that Germany "has taken the Czech people under the protection of the Reich."

The agreement on these lines is dated March 15 and is signed by Hitler, President Hacha, Herr von Ribbentrop (Nazi Foreign Minister) and Dr. Chvalkowsky (Czech Foreign Minister).

The communique further declares that the autonomous development of the Czech national life will be guaranteed by the Reich. — Reuter.

"PART OF REALM"

Prague, To-day.

An official Czech manifesto, issued over all radio sta-

tions, declares that Prague conceded all German demands.

"All relations of the new Czech State to the outside world are undergoing fundamental change. We are faced with a great task of reorganisation which cannot be settled unless relations with the Reich are settled first."

"President Hacha has already previously stated that he regards it as his mission to form a Czech state that forms part of the realm of the German Reich in the historic as well as the geographic radius."

After a brief reference to President Hacha's trip to Berlin, the manifesto closes with an appeal to the Czech people to preserve peace and order. — Trans-Ocean.

AT HOTEL ADLON

Berlin, To-day.

The President of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, Dr. Emil Hacha, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Chvalkowsky, his daughter, the Secretary of the Presidential Chancellery, Dr. Kliment and Dr. Moravok of the Czech Foreign Office arrived here in a special train from Prague last evening. The train was an hour late.

The Minister of State, Dr. Meissner, the Chief of Protocol, Baron von Doernberg and the Commandant of the town of Berlin, Lieutenant-Commander Seiffert, had assembled at the station. Only very few persons—mostly foreign press correspondents—were permitted on the platform.

Dr. Hacha's face wore a grave expression when he stepped from the train and shook hands with Dr. Meissner, and the others present, including the Czech Minister to Ber-

lin and Mrs. Mastny.

GUARD OF HONOUR!

After leaving the station, Dr. Hacha, accompanied by Lieutenant-Commander Seiffert, inspected a guard of honour. Neither the German nor the Czech National Anthems were played by the band, but merely the "Present Arms" march.

Dr. Hacha and suite have taken residence at the Hotel Adlon. Upon leaving the station, the President entered a car decorated with the Presidential standard amongst utter silence of the huge crowd that had assembled. — Trans-Ocean.

Troops Cross Oder Bridge

Prague, To-day.

It is officially announced here that German troops have occupied the major part of the industrial

HUNGARIAN DEMANDS ALSO

Prague, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Prague Government has acceded to Hungarian demands for withdrawal of Czech troops from Carpatho-Ukraine.

The Carpatho-Ukrainian Government has convoked the Diet for to-day (Wednesday) in order to put anschluss with Hungary to the vote. — Trans-Ocean.

AMERICAN SCHOOL WRECKED

Shanghai, To-day.

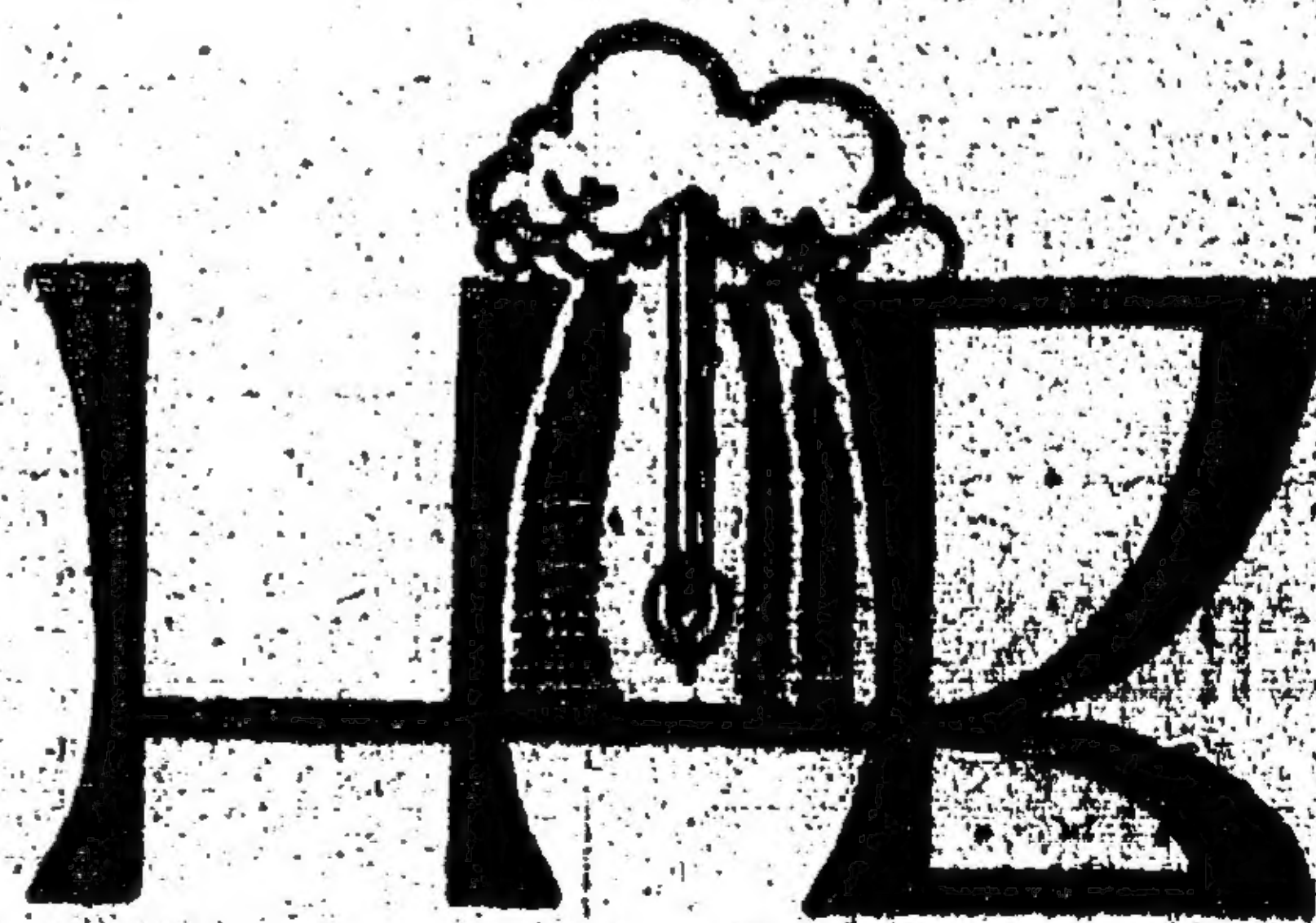
An unconfirmed Chinese report says that the American mission school was wrecked in yesterday's Japanese air raid on Ichang.

The casualties are reliably estimated at 250. The nine raiders, which were heavy bombers dropped about 50 bombs. — Reuter.

district of Marovian Ostrau, having advanced to Mistek, which lies

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HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Britain Makes "Appropriate Representations" To Japan

CURRENCY ORDER BRINGS BUSINESS TO STANDSTILL

London, To-day.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday regarding British action in connection with the introduction of the new Japanese currency regulations in North China, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, answered that "appropriate representations" were being made to the Japanese Government but he was unable to make a detailed statement at present.

Reuter learns that the British, French and American Notes to Tokyo regarding the currency and other restrictions were couched in vigorous language.

It is understood that business came to a standstill on the first day of the new regulations, and many Japanese conceded the inconvenience and virtual impossibility of the situation.

PRICE CONTROL IN NEXT WAR

London, To-day.
Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons yesterday that in the event of war the Government would immediately introduce food price control and rationing.

Plans had been drawn up providing for equal distribution of prescribed amounts of commodities to all.—Reuter.

BRITISH PROTEST TO JAPAN

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned here that the British are preparing a protest to the Japanese in connection with the arrest and detention of a Chinese employee at the former naval dockyard at Weihaiwei.

Reasons for the arrest are not known.—Our Own Correspondent.

RECRUITS FOR R.A.F.

London, To-day.

R. A. F. numbers are steadily rising. Last week 809 recruits joined, against 283 in the same last year, bringing total acceptance of pilots, observers, airmen and boys since April 1 last to 32,876, against 15,120 for the corresponding period last year.—British Wire-16ss.

No official reports on the resulting effects have been received but it is believed that the military, who forced through the new arrangement, will have to abandon their position sooner or later.

Mr. Butler said that no reply had been received by the British Consul-General to his enquiry regarding the measures adopted by the Japanese authorities against the British Concession in Tientsin.

INTERVIEW WITH MILITARY

However, the Acting Consul-General had interviewed General Homma, the Japanese military commander, on March 6, when the whole position was reviewed.

General Homma undertook to discuss the matter with the Japanese Consul-General to enable the latter to reply.

Representations were also made to the Japanese Government by the French and American Ambassadors.—Reuter.

HUNGARY CALLS UP RESERVES

Budapest, To-day.

It was officially announced yesterday that "it has become necessary in order to develop the Hungarian army, to pass a decree making possible the calling up of soldiers beyond ordinary army strength."

The number of additional troops to be called up is not limited.—Trans-Ocean.

TROOPS TO MEET

Warsaw, To-day.

It is reported that arrangements have been made for Hungarian and Polish troops to meet this morning at Sianki and Laweczne, in Poland, on the Ruthenian frontier, and at Uzek and Sketarsky.—Reuter.



Jean Parker and John Beal, the romantic leads in the new Bob Burns comedy-drama "The Arkansas Traveller," which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

ICHANG AGAIN BOMBED: MANY CASUALTIES

Shanghai, To-day.

Brief messages received here late last night state that Ichang was bombed by nine Japanese planes yesterday afternoon.

Havoc was caused among junks and river boats when the Japanese bombers emptied their bomb-racks in the waterfront of one, blowing rivercraft to smithereens and killing many junkfolk.

Some 40 houses on the river bank were demolished last night. Almost 200 casualties are reported.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZIS USE OLD TACTICS

London, To-day.

Following disturbances at Iglau yesterday, Nazi Storm Troops occupied a nearby Czech village.

Meanwhile the Slovak Free Corps, which had been organized in Germany just as the Sudetenland Corps had been formed by the Nazis, has entered Slovakia.

Messages from Germany state that the calling up of the 1913 Class of Army reservists took place so suddenly that many of the men were called away from work.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH FUND CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHINA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDING AT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BRITISH FUND FOR RELIEF OF CHINESE DISTRESS, EARL DONOUGHMORE ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE THE FUND WAS OPENED ON OCTOBER 1, 1937, SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTTALLING £177,338 HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

For the past six weeks money had been coming in on the average of over £1,300 weekly.

Administrative expenses in England were only a trifle over two per cent.

Dr. H. G. Thompson, secretary of the Fund, pointed out that in addition to money the Fund had received many valuable gifts.

SHEFFIELD GIFTS

Several tons of ether and chloroform, £1,000 worth of stainless steel surgical instruments from Sheffield manufacturers and over 2,000 bales of clothing, had been shipped to China.

Dr. Thompson also mentioned the great value of the free transport given by shipping companies, the cost of which would otherwise have eaten deeply into the Fund.—Reuter.

Spy Menace To U.S. & Canada

Agent's Disclosure Of Nazi Activity

London, March 2.

Orders from Germany to increase the Nazi intelligence staff in Canada when Britain planned to set up more aeroplane factories there are referred to by Mr. Leon Turrou, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in a book dealing with events leading up to last year's "Nazi Spy Ring" trial in the United States.

Mr. Turrou was in charge of the whole spy case, and later resigned to give his country the warning which is contained in his book, "The Nazi Spy Conspiracy in America," published to-day (Harrap, 8s 6d).

Of the Canadian plot Mr. Turrou writes: "We know that L—, with the aid of G—, set up a Nazi spy base in Montreal, headed by an employee of an aircraft-designing plant.

"At regular intervals the spy in Canada shipped three to five rolls of film to Germany, each roll containing 38 negatives of confidential plane designs. In addition, he acted as clearing agent for all Nazi spy activities in Canada.

"When we broke up the spy ring, G— was under orders to increase the Nazi spy staff in Canada. This was because England was planning to set up more aeroplane factories in Canada, and so that the spies could spread Nazi propaganda along the Canadian-United States border."

MOBILISATION PLANS

Mr. Turrou describes the visit of one of the spy leaders to the offices of the Nazi Secret Defence Service, and quotes a high official in the office as saying:

"In every strategic point in your United States we have an operative. In every armament factory in America we have a spy. In every shipyard we have an agent—in every key position.

"Your country cannot plan a warship, design a fighting plane, develop a new instrument or device, that we do not know of at once.

"But that is not enough. We must have more information. We want the blue prints of the aircraft carriers Yorktown and Enterprise. We want the mobilisation plans for the Eastern seaboard of the United States.

"We want the West Coast plans, the Mexican border fortifications, the Canadian border. We want the weaknesses of the new bombing planes you are building, and the fortifications and defences of New York harbour."

CHINESE AMOK IN BONHAM STRAND

Running amok at 2.45 a.m. to-day, a Chinese, Chan Wai-hoi, picked up a chopper slashed right and left at two of his fellow-workers, and then committed suicide.

The incident occurred in the second floor of No. 99, Bonham Strand East, where four folks were residing.

The assailant, after the attack, went to the balcony and committed suicide by jumping down into the street.

The two injured men, Chan Tak-sau and Cheung Chung-shau, were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from multiple head injuries, and are reported to be in a serious condition.

NEW ITALIAN LINER FOR HONG KONG

FOLLOWING THE STOPPING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUBSIDY TO ITALIAN SHIPPING LINES, A LARGE ITALIAN LINER IS TO BE PUT ON THE RUN GENOA-GEYLON-SINGAPORE-HONG KONG-SHANGHAI.

The liner is one of two formerly on the South African run.

The Lloyd Triestino intend to increase their service to the Far East.

THE KINDLY SEX

A woman said at Tottenham court: I have a very sympathetic nature. Once when I was watching my husband I found I could not contain myself any longer and I could not help shouting, "You poor old fellow."

PALESTINE DISCUSSIONS PLANNED FOR THIS AFTERNOON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER UNDERSTANDS THAT A MEETING OF THE ARAB DELEGATES TO THE PALESTINE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CALLED FOR 4 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

At the meeting the British Government will lay before the Arabs the conclusions reached as result of the past five weeks' consultations on the Palestine problem.

A second meeting with the whole Jewish delegation will be held for the same purpose at 9 o'clock to-night.

Both meetings will be held at St. James's Palace.

It is expected that the final conclusions will be submitted to the British Cabinet at its weekly meeting this morning. — Reuter.

CHINESE PLACE ORDER WITH THORNYCROFTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE TRACTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND JOHN I. THORNYCROFT AND CO. WAS SIGNED AT THE CHINESE EMBASSY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The contract provides for the purchase of 300 3½ ton and 100 seven-ton motor lorries, at a total cost of £238,011, and including spare parts and breakdown equipment valued at £30,884.

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MORE THAN 70,000 MILES OF ROAD IN GREAT BRITAIN ARE NOW PROTECTED FROM UGLY AND UNREGULATED BUILDING DEVELOPMENT BY THE ACT PASSED IN 1935 RESTRICTING SO-CALLED RIBBON DEVELOPMENT.

The Act had the immediate effect of bringing under the control of the highway authorities all development along 43,000 miles of classified roads, and since then the Minister of Transport has approved resolutions submitted by highway authorities giving the same protection to a further 29,000 miles of road.

While the main consideration is the safety and convenience of traffic, adoption of the restrictions has also given highway authorities the power to ensure that development shall be in keeping with the natural beauties of the countryside.

The Surrey Hills, the Cotswold country, the Wye Valley and the Peak district are only a few of the regions in which roads commanding beautiful views have been brought within shelter of the act. — British Wireless.

BRITISH TRADE IN FEBRUARY

London, To-day.

United Kingdom exports in February were valued at £38,052,216 compared with £37,558,772 a year ago.

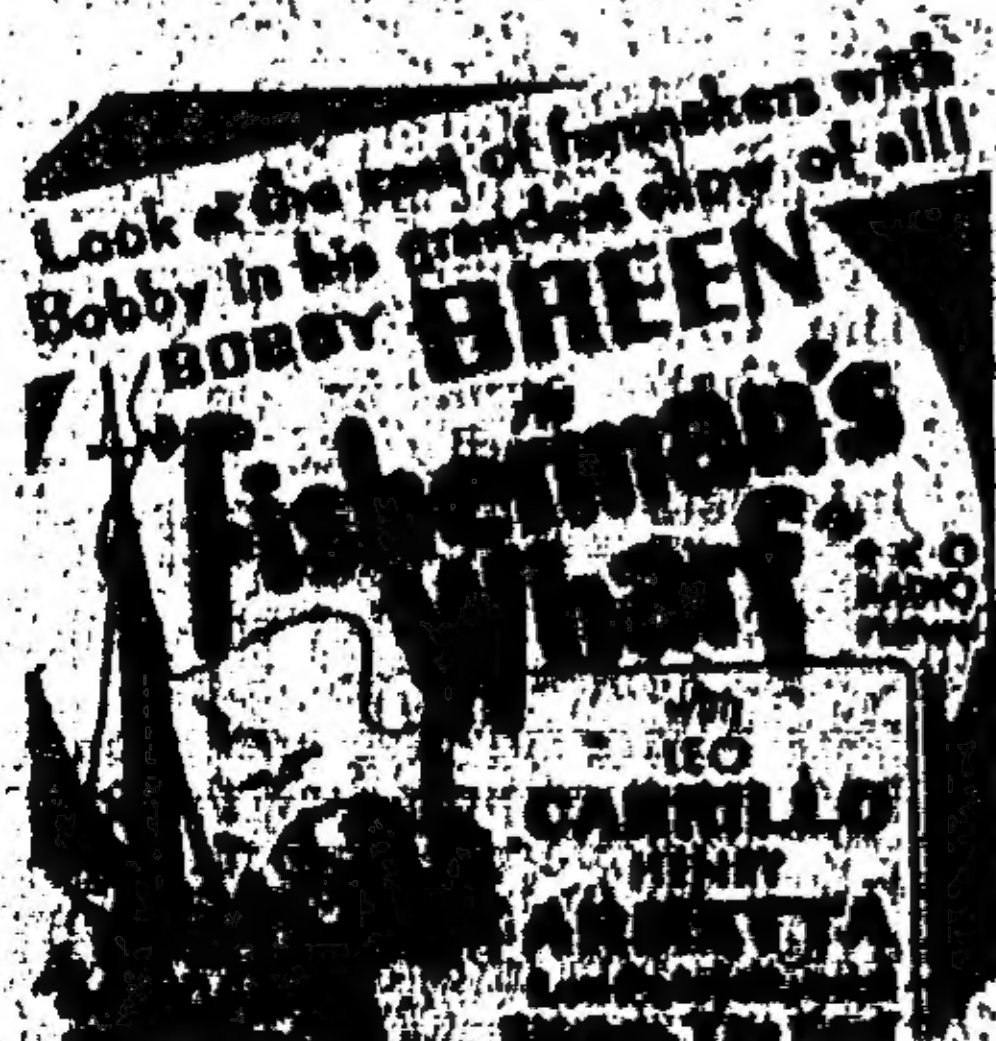
Imports amounted to £65,515,512 against £75,793,898. Value of imports is the lowest for any month for more than two years.

Re-exports last month were valued at £4,772,323 against £5,527,706 in February, 1938.

For the first two months of the year the fall in the value of imports compared with the corresponding period of 1938 is nearly £20,000,000, while the decline in exports is just over £1,000,000. — British Wireless.

Rangoon, the first shipment of 10 light lorries four weeks hence and the first of the heavy lorries in eight weeks. — Reuter.

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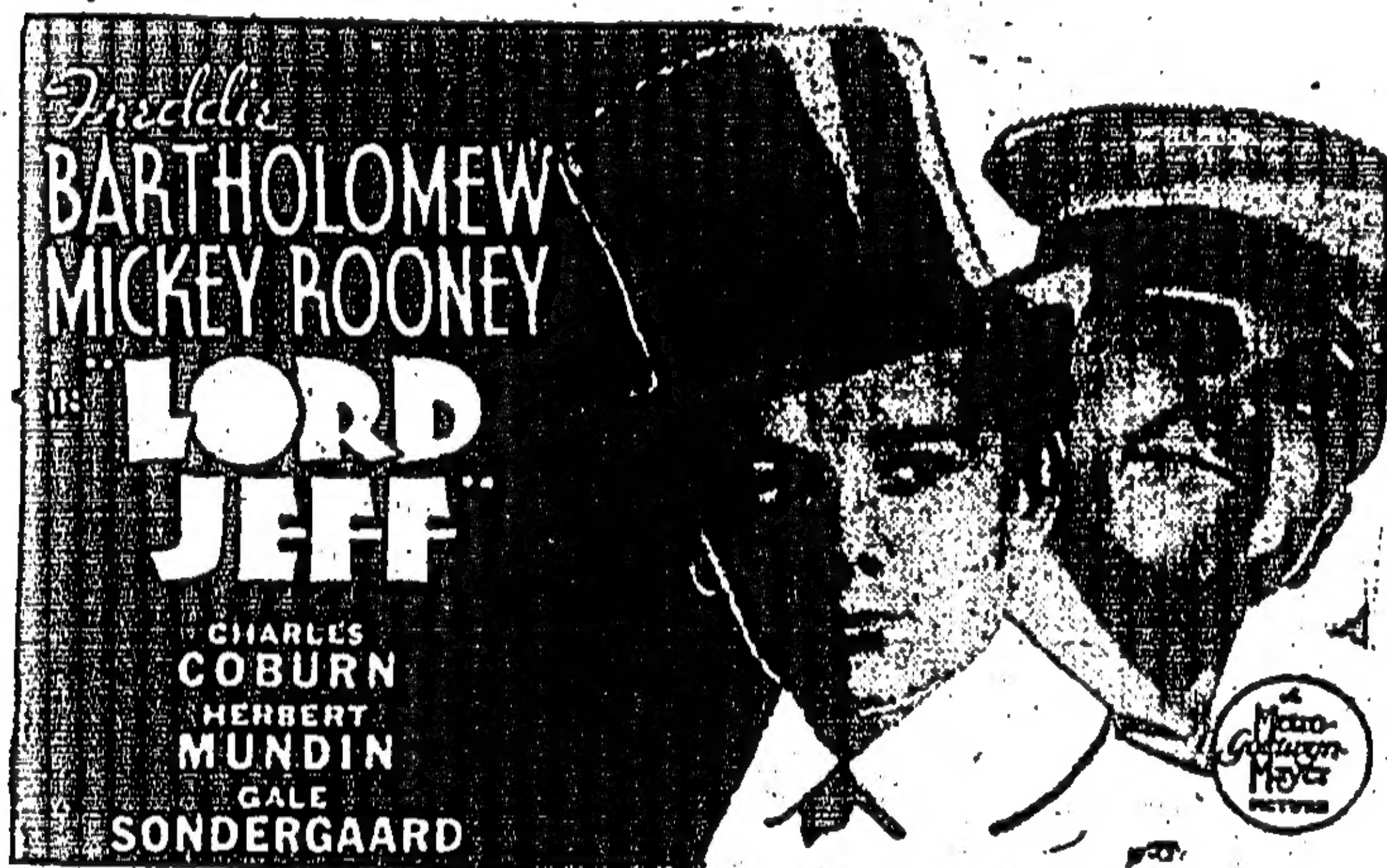
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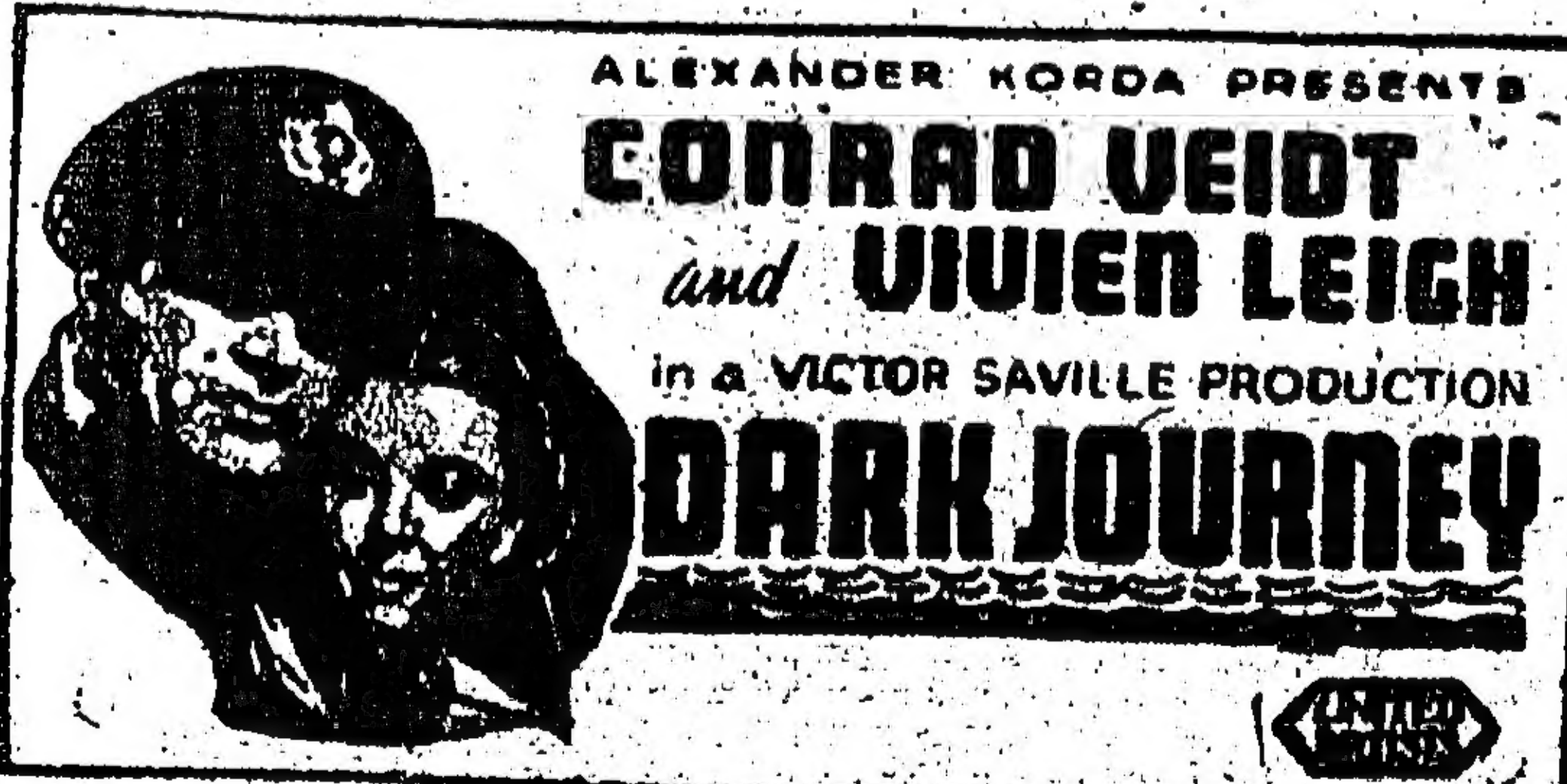
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THE FIRST OCCASION FOR SIX YEARS THAT THE BALANCE AT CREDIT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT HAD EXCEEDED THE MILLION MARK WAS THE SATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS REPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. J. SCOTT HARSTON, AT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD., HELD THIS MORNING AT EXCHANGE BUILDING.

The chairman said:

In submitting for your consideration the Accounts for last year, your Board feel that the trading results therein depicted can rightly be viewed with satisfaction. The balance of Working Account — \$1,078,001.13 — brought to the credit of the Profit and Loss Account, compares with \$888,232.76 for 1937 and incidentally shows for the first time over a period of six years that this item has exceeded the million mark. All Departments of our Organization have contributed a quota to the attainment of this figure.

INCREASED EARNINGS

With regard to Hong Kong Establishments, the resident accommodation throught did not experience last year the heavy strain encountered during the year 1937, but marked increases in earnings were produced in our various Grill Rooms and Cafes.

As to the Shanghai Properties, I am pleased to state that the Palace Hotel upon completion of the reinstatement work there quickly resumed its popular status in the Northern Port and produces a satisfactory income. The Astor House Hotel remained in occupation by the Japanese Y.M.C.A. until the 31st December last, and rental payments were made by that Association to the Company during the year sufficient in amount to cover what may be termed Landlord's outgoings, i.e. Shanghai Municipal Council Land Tax, Insurance and certain Repairs and Renewals. As from the commencement of the current year, however, the Astor House Hotel and its contents have been leased to another party, for a term of three years at a rental which will produce a reasonable return to the Company upon the Assets utilised.

PEIPING RESULTS

The Hotel in Peiping operated by our subsidiary Company again showed excellent results for its last financial year which ended on the 30th June, 1938, and made a dividend distribution in respect of that period thus constituting a substantial increase over distributions occurring during recent years. The incidence of exchange, however, deprived this Company's Profit and Loss Account of any substantial benefit in respect of its holding for the relative Peiping Dollar sum received shrank on conversion, as you will see from the Accounts before you, from P\$29,250.00 to HK\$13,870.87, which records an increase of \$800.00 only over the previous year's income from that source. The net profit earned by The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. during the year under review amounting to \$810,607.08 represents an improved result of \$170,420.02 in comparison with the figure reported for 1937, and on adding thereto the sum of \$343,720.47 brought forward from the previous year, a balance of \$1,154,327.55 is provided for appropriation. Other items included in the Profit and Loss Account do not seem to require comment from me.

The Balance Sheet contains no items of an exceptional nature and is indeed self-explanatory. I would refer, however, to the changes in amounts shown — apart from the effect of depreciation — in regard to certain listed Assets. The Additions to Buildings appear at the sum of \$30,286.60. The main portion of this capitalised expenditure was incurred in respect of structural alterations to the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, made when reinstatement of the bombing damage was carried out; and the cost of the extension of the shop premises in the Peninsula Hotel Arcade accounted for the remainder. The item of "Sales" noted in the Building Account relates to the amount received from the Contractor who carried out the demolition of the Peak Hotel Property.

"FURNISHINGS"

Additions to "Furniture and Fixtures" for the year amounted to \$198,416.50. The items included under this head are copious, and their allocation is spread over all Establishments both here and in Shanghai; the "Furnishings" for the new guest accommodation built at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, and the provision of new carpets

for our three Hong Kong Establishments constitute the major portion of such expenditure. All such installations I would state have been made in furtherance of our modernization policy.

Turning to the "Liabilities" side of the Balance Sheet, the "Repairs and Renewals" Account suffered depletion during the year by \$85,002.49, which sum was expended upon our various Establishments in fulfilment of the purpose for which the Repairs and Renewals Account was created. Steps have been taken throughout the year to carry out major renovation and maintenance work to Buildings and Contents where necessary, and also to instal in various Establishments new departments and accommodation of a type now expected by Hotel patrons. I can assure you that this policy has been thoroughly justified by results, and has proved an important factor in producing the enhanced earnings.

SHANGHAI CLAIM

From the Chair last year reference was made to the Company's claim for damages arising out of the hostilities in Shanghai. Assessment thereof, and lodgment with the proper Authorities, was duly made by our Shanghai Agents, but, as you are probably aware, nothing has yet eventuated towards the acceptance of liability in respect of that type of claim. I would, however, mention, in that connection, that the net result shown in the Accounts before you has been computed after making full provision for the losses which constitute the claim referred to.

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the Company's Staffs in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and its Agents in Shanghai as also in the case of the Staff and Agents of our subsidiary Company in Peiping, all of whom have continuously directed assiduous efforts to the interests of the Company in times of exceptional difficulty — in which relation (though I make reference to him last) I particularly desire to point out that the eminently satisfactory results to which I have referred are in very great measure due to the foresight and energy of your Company's Managing Director, who, though suffering from ill-health during a considerable portion of the period under review, has not spared himself in safeguarding the Company's interests. I feel that in so doing I will receive your hearty endorsement, and with reference to the Company's Staff I trust that you will ratify your Directors' recommendation that as a token of appreciation a bonus of ten per cent on their salaries shall be voted to them in respect of the year 1938.

DEATH OF MR. BOURNE

Before concluding, I wish to make special reference to the sad death of Mr. J. P. Bourne — the news of which reached us only a few days ago. Mr. Bourne had been in the service of your Company ever since the year 1921. At the outset he held the position of General Superintendent of the Hong Kong Hotel and was in charge of the various alterations effected there in the course of the years 1922-1924. Later on he rendered yeoman service in connection with the erection and furnishing of the Peninsula Hotel where he remained as Manager until the close of the year 1930. In 1931 he was transferred to Peiping as Manager and General Superintendent of your Hotel there (the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits). In that capacity he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the Company's interests and was responsible for many of the improvements there. Under his aegis that Hotel was, as far as possible, kept up to date. Mr. Bourne was a man of a genial temperament and very popular with all the Company's employees and its guests. He had been in ill-health for a considerable period, but had bravely carried on with his duties until he was finally compelled to enter hospital where he passed away on the 5th instant. By

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B.E.F. FIRST INSTALMENT OF BILL FOR MUNICH SAYS MR. CHURCHILL

London, To-day.

The Army Estimates were considered in the House of Commons on report last evening.

For the Labour Opposition, Mr. Lees-Smith expressed concern that in the Staff conversations between the British and French Governments no commitments, formal or implied, should be entered into which would prevent the British Government in the event of war exercising its judgment as to the best use of the country's resources.

He thought the British and French views of the role of the British Army in a future conflict might differ, and that the French might underestimate the important part the British Navy might again be called upon to play.

He stated that from the premise that the defence on the Western front at least might enjoy a superiority of as much as three to one and—given approximate equality in air strength—he concluded the next war might be one of long duration in which economic resources and power of blockade might be final and decisive factor.

So far as the British field force was concerned Mr. Lees-Smith indicated his view that there might be other theatres in which in the event of war, its presence might be more urgently required than in France.

Such considerations brought him back to the question whether collective thinking on problems of strategy would ever be satisfactorily achieved until the Service Departments were fused in a Ministry of Defence.

CHURCHILL WARNING

Mr. Winston Churchill, who followed, devoted his speech to congratulations — congratulations to the Secretary for War on his estimates speech last week and his success in improving recruiting figures and to the Government on their decisions firstly to provide the Territorial Army with the same weapons and equipment as the Regular Army, and secondly to provide nineteen divisions for general service overseas should the occasion require it.

He thought the last was a momentous decision, which ought to have been taken three years ago, and described it as the first instalment of the bill for Munich.

He was afraid there might yet be other instalments to be met.

The time might well come when the Government would have to make even greater demands on the people in the interests of national security, but he was confident they would submit to such demands for the sake of their own security and for the triumph of world causes in which they were inseparably in-

volved.

He was particularly concerned to know what steps were being taken to provide industrial arrangements which would ensure adequate supplies to a field force of nineteen divisions.

GREATER EFFORT

Mr. Bellenger (Labour) said that although recruiting had made great strides it would be necessary to prepare the nation for a greater effort even than the provision of nineteen divisions for service overseas.

He wanted to know what the Government were proposing to do to create that sense of national unity which alone could provide the manpower and production they would need to oppose totalitarian warfare.

Mr. Sanders (Labour) urged that the fact to be borne in mind was that Germany was already on a war footing.

Mr. Astor (Conservative), like Mr. Lees Smith, drew attention to the apprehensions felt in certain countries in north-western Europe to whom it might possibly be necessary to give assistance in war.

Mr. Price (Labour) emphasised the importance of equipment in modern warfare, and said the size of the British armed forces mattered less than that they should be equipped with the most modern and efficient types and on a sufficient scale.

Mr. Amery (Conservative) praised the War Secretary for his decision to build up a strategical reserve at home. He doubted if nineteen divisions were sufficient.

The debate continues.—British Wireless.

ENCOURAGING BUDGET FIGURES

London, To-day.

With only three weeks of the financial year to run the deficit on March 11 amounted to £23,805,012, having been reduced during the week by £20,662,491.

Ordinary revenue during the week totalled £25,874,823, making the total to date £859,781,074, or £48,511,069 more than at the corresponding date last year.

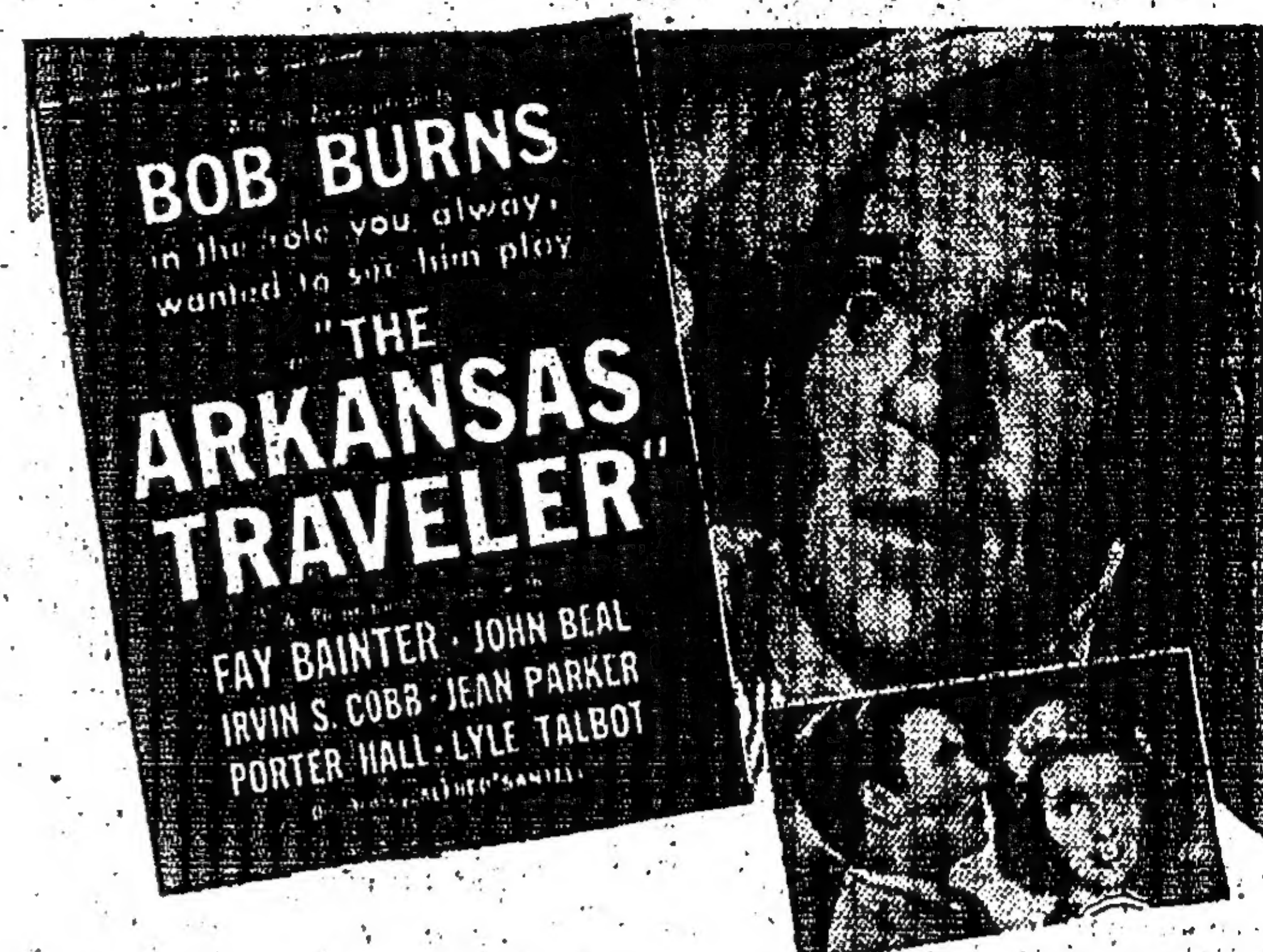
Total expenditure less self-balancing items and sinking funds £883,580,000 compared with £806,064,277 at the corresponding date of 1938, and with the estimate for the present financial year of £948,366,000.

Yield from income tax last week was £13,187,000 against £10,807,000 in the corresponding week a year ago.—British Wireless.

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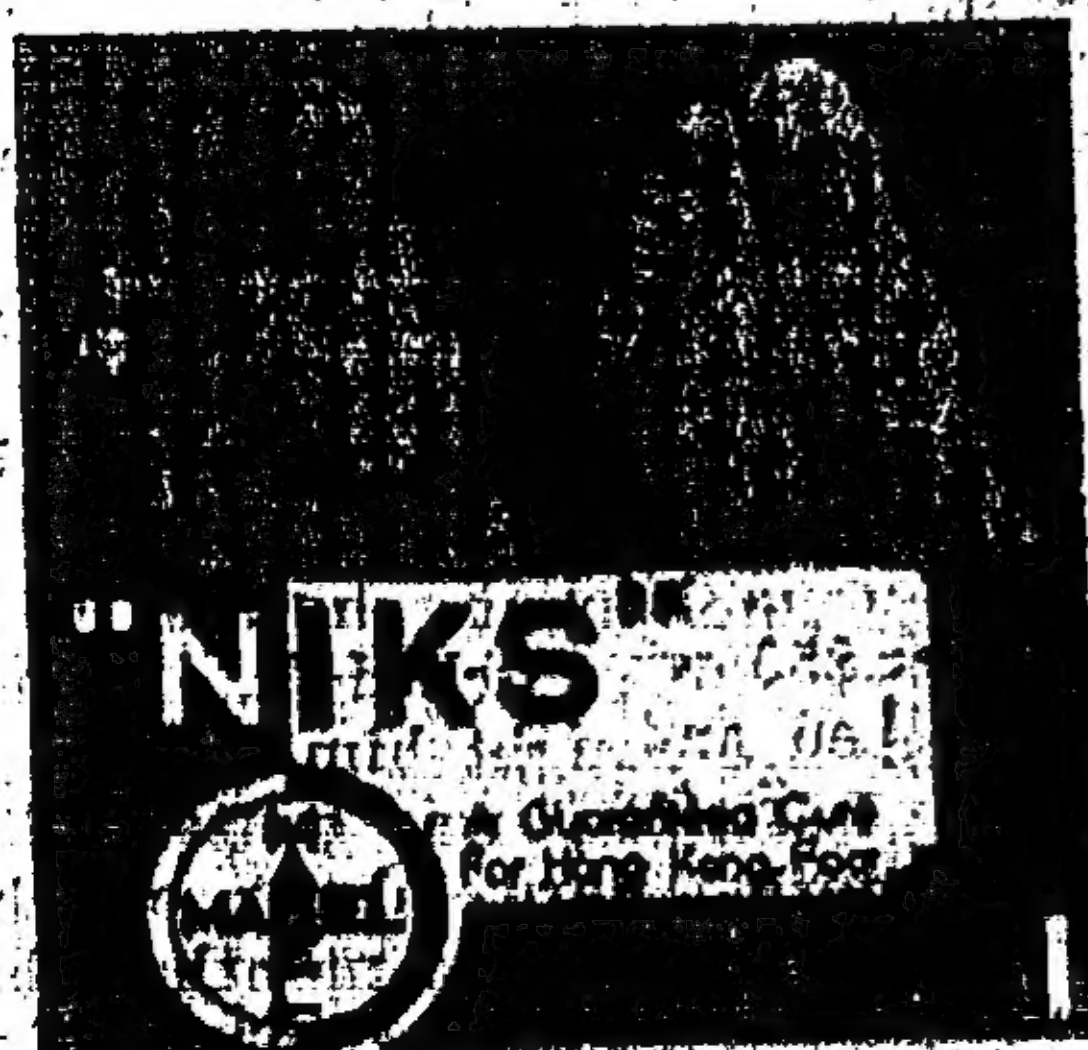


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BRITISH GUARANTEE OF CZECH FRONTIER: NO UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION YET, SAYS MR. CHAMBERLAIN

London, To-day.

Answering a private notice question by the Labour Opposition leader, Mr. C. R. Attlee, in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, made a statement on Czecho-Slovakia.

Mr. Chamberlain outlined events to yesterday morning, and added he had not yet received official confirmation of the most recent press reports regarding resignation of the Czech Government and the independence of Slovakia.

Mr. Attlee asked what action the British Government would take in view of the guarantee entered into regarding the territorial integrity of Czecho-Slovakia.

Did the Government, he asked, intend to consult with the other guarantors (France, Italy and Germany) and with Prague in the light of the present situation?

Mr. Chamberlain said the question of any action had not yet arisen.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) asked whether the Government still regarded itself under a moral obligation with regard to the guarantee.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position in that respect had not undergone any change.

AWKWARD QUESTION

The Prime Minister made no answer when asked by Captain Wedgwood Benn (Labour) who was going to pay back the £6,000,000 which the Prime Minister had issued to Czecho-Slovakia without Parliamentary authority!

Replying to a further supplementary question by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain reminded the House that the guarantee was one against unprovoked aggression against Czecho-Slovakia, "and no such aggression has yet taken place."—Reuter.

"CAREFULLY WATCHED"

London, To-day.

The British Government maintains a reserved attitude towards developments in Slovakia but informed quarters state that events are being carefully watched.

It is added that it is impossible for the British Government to take any decision before being in possession of more ample information from its diplomatic representatives in various European capitals.

It is believed that no appeal from any quarter for assistance or advice has reached the British Government nor has the British Government yet had any communication on the subject with the German Government.—Trans-Ocean.

KOWLOON FARM INCIDENT

The case for the defence was completed before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when hearing of a summons brought by Wong Man-ming, owner of the New Kowloon Dairy, against William Gordon Routley, on a charge of assault on February 15.

The defendant brought a counter-summons against Wong for having opposed him with violence while performing his duties as a public officer.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios represented the complainant, while Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, appeared for Routley.

It was said by Wong at previous hearings that Routley had assaulted him when the defendant was inspecting a stream in his Dairy on February 15.

This morning Routley was cross-examined by Mr. Williams and said that he was first been hit on the eye by Wong and he then jumped on Wong and using his both hands held Wong by the shoulder.

Routley further suggested that Wong struck him on losing his temper.

An interpreter attached to the Kowloon City Police Station, who was on duty when Routley made a report of the incident, stated that he having noticed a cut under Routley's eye. The report was made between 6 p. m. and 4 p. m. on February 15.

After further evidence for the defence by Routley's Chinese assistant, Wong Chi-wing, the case was adjourned.

NEW SNATCHING TRICK

Li Chak-wan, aged 23, unemployed, was brought before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with unlawfully impersonating a Police Officer, and larceny of \$50 in Chinese currency from a shop-fold, Wong Lai, at Ko Shing Street, yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant followed complainant from Con-

naught Road West, when he arrived from Macao by the s.s. Fuk On. Defendant told complainant that he was a Police Officer, and asked him if he had \$50 in possession, otherwise he could not stay in the Colony.

Complainant showed defendant \$50 who snatched it. Wong chased and caught him.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour on the first count, and one month's hard labour and \$22.25 compensation on a further two months' on the second.

HUNGARIAN TROOPS INVADE RUTHENIA: German Forces Cross Frontier

Budapest Sends Ultimatum

While the first men of the German army of occupation, believed to total 200,000 men, were marching towards Slovakia, Hungarian troops yesterday invaded Ruthenia.

It is stated that nearly 60,000 Hungarian troops are engaged in the operation and that they have already penetrated to a depth of twenty miles on a wide front.

No resistance is being offered, the Czech troops having been given orders to withdraw, in accordance with the terms of the Hungarian ultimatum, which expired at 10 a.m. to-day (Hong Kong Time).

More than 30 villages in Ruthenia were occupied, and other Hungarian troops concentrated on the Slovak border.

Berlin messages also state that Hungarian troops crossed the border following incidents said to have been provoked by Czech troops.

A telegram from Chust, broadcast from the Berlin radio, said that the Carpatho-Ukraine Government had asked the Central Government in Prague to order the withdrawal of all Czech troops from Carpatho-Ukraine territory.

The report added that no reply had yet been received, but it was reliably learned in Prague later that the return of Czech troops had been ordered in compliance with the ultimatum.

The German radio also reported that the Hungarian advance into Carpatho-Ukraine was proceeding, and gave a Budapest report that Hungarian troops had occupied the town of Svalava, north of Munkacs.

INDEPENDENCE DECLARED

The Ukrainian news service later confirmed that Carpatho-Ukraine had declared its independence, adding that a new Cabinet had been chosen and the whole country was in the hands of the Ukrainians.

Hungary's ultimatum to Prague demanding the withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia and the release of Hungarian prisoners in Czechoslovakia, expires at 2 a.m. (G.M.T.).

Hungary "declines to accept responsibility for the consequences" if the ultimatum is rejected. The ultimatum lists five demands.

FIVE DEMANDS

Firstly, the immediate release of Hungarian prisoners.

Secondly, immediate cessation of the persecution of Hungarians and the granting to them of the right to organise themselves.

Thirdly, the supply of rifles to Hungarian protective organisations.

Fourthly, the withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia, to begin within 24 hours, and

Fifthly, full respect for Hungarian property.

HUNGARIAN VERSION

Hungarian troops crossed the line of demarcation into Czechoslovakia near Munkacs in the morning and occupied the village of Podhering in Carpatho-Ukraine three kilometres north-east of Munkacs.

According to semi-official Hungarian news agency, Czechoslovak frontier guards opened fire early yesterday morning in the direction of Hungarian territory and Hungarian frontier guards returned the fire.

The Czechoslovaks were driven back after a short skirmish and a Hungarian detachment entered Podhering.

Reports from a private source assert that Hungarian troops have reached the little town of Svalava, which is 16 kilometres north of Munkacs, but these reports are not yet confirmed.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

CZECHS WITHDRAWING

Prague, To-day. Serious encounters between Ukraine National Guards and Czech troops are reported from Ust, but telegraphic communication with Ust has been interrupted.

Czech troops are reported to be withdrawing from Slovakia.

Meanwhile the Prague garrison has been heavily reinforced to

BRATISLAVA JEWS ON THE RUN

Bratislava, To-day.

At the first sign that German troops were occupying Slovakia, the Jews in Bratislava panicked and stormed the railway station in an endeavour to flee.

Many of the Jews were refugees from Germany and Austria, and once again have to move before the Nazi advance.

Jewish and Czech shops were raided by Slovaks, while there was a run on the banks, and withdrawals were limited to 500 Czech crowns for each person.

maintain order following scuffles between Czechs and Germans.—Reuter.

RUTHENIANS PROCLAIM INDEPENDENCE

Bratislava, To-day.

A serious incident which cost the lives of 14 members of the Carpatho-Ukrainian defence organization, occurred in Hust yesterday afternoon.

According to sparse reports arriving here, Czech militia fired upon the garrison and a hotel occupied by the defence organization, killing 14 and wounding a considerable number.

It is declared that the Czechs advanced upon the buildings in armoured cars and opened fire from machine-guns.

The Carpatho-Ukrainian Government sent a protest to Prague demanding the immediate withdrawal of the Czech General Prchala. Having received no answer from Prague, M. Volosine requested General Swatek to take command of the defence forces.

NEW CABINET

The independence of Carpatho-Ukraine was declared by the National Diet here yesterday afternoon at four o'clock following short session.

The Premier, Dr. Volosine, has announced a new cabinet which include Volosine, Revay, Julian Brascak, Klocurak, Dolinaj and Per-evusnik.

It was this Government that proclaimed the independence of Carpatho-Ukraine.

"BOY'S" TRICK

Mrs. L. E. Lammert, of No. 1 Chatham Road, has informed the Police that between January and March, her cook-boy, Tam Po-fuk, obtained goods to the value of \$236 from a store in Kowloon, and absconded yesterday.

Chiu Kai-yuen, residing in Gap Road, has reported that while purchasing tickets at the Central Theatre at about 11.20 a.m. yesterday, a wallet with \$70 in Hong Kong currency was stolen by a pickpocket.

ANNEXATION BY HUNGARY FORESHADOWED

Budapest, To-day.

Hungary intends to annex Carpatho-Ukraine it is declared in authoritative quarters, this intention being clearly shown in the following official declaration of the Hungarian Government:—In consequence of the omissions of Prague which are to-day ascertainable, the conditions of the Munich Agreement have not been fulfilled.

The territorial revisions provided for in the agreement have been violated.

With the Slovak declaration of independence, the problem of the so-called Carpatho Ukraine demands immediate solution.

SELF-DETERMINATION

Hungary has always maintained the standpoint of self-determination of peoples and it is upon this standpoint that she has always demanded the Carpatho-Ukrainian territory. The inhabitants of this district wish to return to Hungary.

Thousands of appeals have been received by the Hungarian Government all urging the immediate annexation of this territory to Hungary. Hungary also gazes longingly at the Carpatho-Ukrainian district, since the key to the security of the country lies to some extent there. We do not understand in this connection merely security from a military and geographical viewpoint, but primarily that protection which the Carpatho-Ukrainian forests afford to the Hungarian watering system and low-lying plain district.

FOREST WEALTH

Hungary cannot sit by with folded arms while a party representing a political minority exploits those forests which represent the only source of wealth of the country. These forests have offered resistance to the elements and human depredation for centuries and have protected the Hungarian plains.

The Carpathian forest district guarantees the existence of ten million Hungarians and Hungary will take care that this guarantee falls into her own hands and thus acquires her protection.—Trans-Ocean.

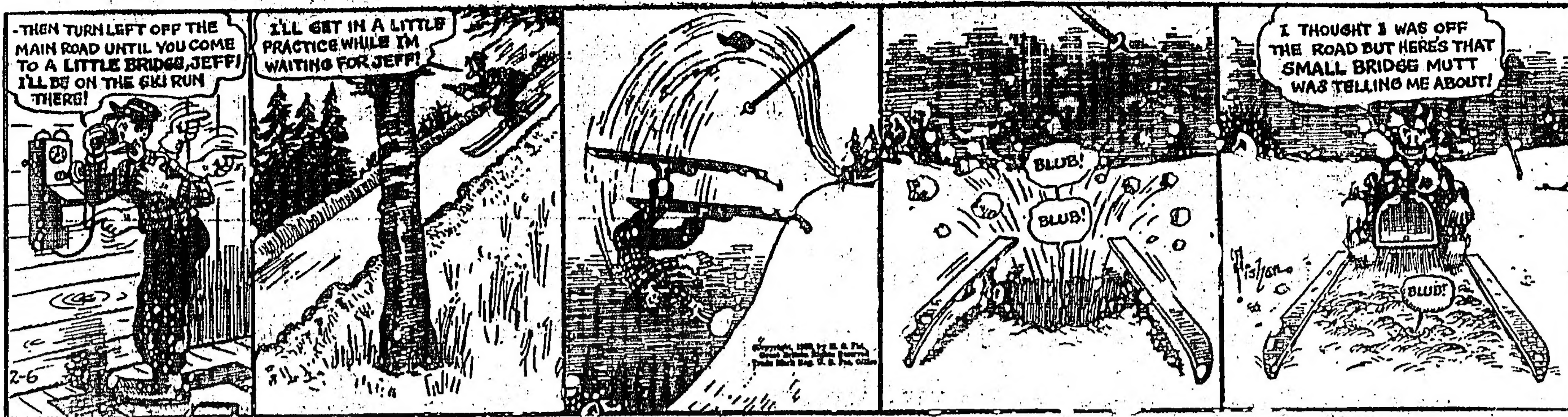
COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCE

Sentence has been promulgated in the case involving Captain Northcote, of the Royal Artillery, who recently appeared before a court-martial.

Captain Northcote was found guilty on the charge of striking and was sentenced to lose his year's seniority for the purpose of promotion.

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Phil Measures Up

In the spring of 1936 Phil Simmons was quite sure he would like to marry Betty Ishington. He had met her several months before at a New Year's party. We all liked Betty. She was attractive and good natured. But toward the end of that same summer Phil and Betty broke off.

"What happened?" I asked him. Phil's face took on a serious look. "We had a talk and decided it wouldn't be wise to risk marriage. You see, it occurred to me that Betty wasn't in sympathy with what I want to do. I want to paint, you know. If I followed my ambition, as I'd have to do, it would mean a certain amount of sacrifice on her part. And if she didn't understand me—my moods and inner urgings—we wouldn't be happy."

"I see," I said. In the spring of 1937 Phil met Maude Irons. Maude was pretty. She was smart as a whip. She had ambition, enough to get her out of the five and dime store where, of necessity, she had gone to work after finishing High school. We liked

"She wasn't sure that I could give her what she needed. She said she had always had a horror of marrying an artist. She said artists often lacked in qualities which she had admired in men." He looked at me beseechingly. "What can I do? I'll never be happy without Daphne."

"You're quite sure you love her?"

"I was never more sure of anything in my life."

"Then measure up, if that is her requirement."

We didn't see Phil for two weeks. He dropped in at the office, looking as though he hadn't slept for days; his face was haggard, his body, thinner, but with a gleam in his eyes.

"I've got a job!" he said. "I'm working in a filling station, I'm going up to see Daphne to-day!"

"You won't have to," I said. "She's coming down to-night."

During the weeks that followed we observed the queer antics of a man in

By Meredith Scholl

Maude. We had a lot of admiration for her. Phil thought he'd like to marry her, and we were glad.

Toward the end of that summer Phil and Maude had a falling out.

"What happened?" I asked him.

He looked grave. "Maude and I had a talk," he confided, "and decided sure. She wondered whether Phil against marriage. You see," he admitted, "I'm afraid she couldn't give me the things I need in a wife. For one thing, she has little background; had to fight her way out of the slums to where she is now. As an artist I would have to meet people, and, naturally I would want a wife with no inferiority complexes."

"I see," I said.

In 1938 Phil Simmons met Daphne Danvers. My aunt and I introduced him to her. She was a distant cousin of mine, and had come down from Bayview for a visit. We liked her immensely. She was as attractive, but an extremely normal girl. She became interested in Phil, as most women, at first, are apt to do.

Watching from the sidelines I read the signs and knew that pretty soon Phil and Daphne were going to announce their engagement. They did. Daphne went back to Bayview and Phil planned to go up and see her the following week.

The day he got back from that trip he called in to see us. He looked unhappy and rather desperate.

"What happened?" I asked him.

"She doesn't love me," he told us miserably. "She's had a chance to think it over." We could tell by the tone of his voice and the look in his eyes that he was deeply hurt, bewildered.

"Did she say she didn't love you?" I asked.

"She said worse. She said she had been thinking, and she wondered if I could measure up to what her idea of a husband should be."

"Well, well, well," I said.

love. If Phil thought that Daphne would be satisfied with the fact that he was working in a filling station, he was mistaken. She wanted him to get ahead, so he worked desperately and managed by sheer force of will to win a better job as supervisor of a half dozen near-by stations. Things looked good, but Daphne still wasn't satisfied. She wondered whether Phil could provide what she needed in a husband. She wasn't quite able to define these needs, and poor Phil practically ruined his health trying to measure up.

Winter came on and one week-end Daphne was missing. She reappeared Sunday night and with her was Phil. They both looked pretty gay.

"We're married!" Phil cried, his eyes shining.

"Well, well, well!" I declared.

Later Daphne came into my study.

"It worked!" she said. "But, oh, I feel like such a brute."

"You shouldn't," I said. "If you hadn't followed my advice you wouldn't be married now. Phil has thought he's been in love a half dozen times. But he hasn't. Any man who spends his time wondering what a girl, or life, can give him, and never gives a thought to what he can give in return isn't in love or isn't in a healthy state of mind. If you hadn't put him to the test you never would have been married."

"But I want him to be an artist. I'd sacrifice most anything to see him succeed as a painter. And now he thinks I don't. How am I going to tell him I didn't mean what I said, and how I really feel?"

I became thoughtful. "I guess," I said, "that love will have to find a way. Ha, Ha!"

"Ha, ha, yourself!" Daphne cried viciously. "You meddling cupid! If you're so smart why aren't you married yourself?"

"The fact is," I said gravely, "I haven't yet found a girl who can give me what I need in a wife."

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CZECHO-SLOVAKIA'S DISINTEGRATION

British Attitude Of "Complete Neutrality"

"Of No Great Moment," Says A Super-Optimist

London, To-day.

With the 20-year-old Czecho-Slovak State disintegrated, with the vital talk between President Hacha and Hitler in Berlin concerning the fate of Moravia and Bohemia, and with the Hungarian ultimatum to Prague expiring at 2 a.m., the British Cabinet will have to consider a dramatic change in the face of Europe when they assemble for the usual weekly meeting, writes a diplomatic observer.

Events yesterday moved so swiftly that European opinion scarcely had time to crystallise, and British views expressed last night merely emphasised Mr. Chamberlain's statement in Parliament in the afternoon that the British attitude was one of complete neutrality.

There is no disposition in Britain to exaggerate the seriousness of an admittedly serious event.

Indeed, one optimistic leader-writer in last night's "Evening Standard" suggests: "The end of Federal Czecho-Slovakia does not increase the risk of general hostilities in Europe or indeed put any fresh obstacle in Mr. Chamberlain's path."

FRENCH OPINION

French opinion appears to be identical with the British, Reuter reports from Paris showing that opinion there is "calm but not complacent."

Latest developments are being regarded as a regrettable aftermath to Munich, but it is not believed that Germany intends to annex Czecho-Slovakia in view of Hitler's repeated declarations that he does not want foreigners within the German frontier.

In Polish circles some confusion appears to prevail, since events have not yet revealed whether Poland has cause for uneasiness or rejoicing.

"HISTORIC NECESSITY"

Berlin opinion is probably fairly represented by last night's "Der Angriff," which comments: "The collapse of Czecho-Slovakia has become a historic necessity."

In Budapest, the official spokesman told Reuter that an ordered government in Ruthenia was a "life insurance" for Hungary.

It is believed that at the back of the Hungarian mind is the conviction that once Czech soldiers are removed from Ruthenia, the inhabitants will throw themselves into the arms of the Hungarians without awaiting a plebiscite. — Reuter.

PRETENDING TO BE POLICEMAN

Escaping from a charge of impersonating an officer only because he had acted like one but had not at anytime said that he was one, saved Lau Chi Man, 20, unemployed Chinese from an additional charge being added on to his charge of larceny from the person.

Acting Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron prosecuting, said that the defendant and another man not in custody, had stopped and searched Wong Ming, a poultry dealer, at Tai Po Road near Popular Street. The accused and his friend had taken a purse containing \$69.70 and had walked off with it. At this, the complainant had become suspicious, and had chased after the two men, but the accused had thrown the purse to his companion who had made off with it. The defendant had been caught by the complainant with the aid of his two friends, and had then been taken to the police station where he had been charged.

Acting Sub-Inspector Byron asked that a serious view of the case be taken as there had been two many cases of impersonation of policemen. Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen sentenced the defendant to six months hard labour and ordered him to pay \$70 compensation to the complainant or else serve an additional two months.

GOERING BACK IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering yesterday arrived from Italy, where he had been spending a holiday, by special train. He drove straight to the Chancellery and was immediately conducted to Hitler's study, where Hitler awaited him. — Reuter.

MADRID TRYING TO NEGOTIATE ARMISTICE

Madrid, To-day.

"We do not yet know General Franco's attitude but we will try to negotiate," declared General Casado, the Defence Minister, to foreign newspaper correspondents yesterday.

"Any peace," he added, "must be based on the independence of Spain and no reprisals."

"We want to liquidate the war, but will reply to an attack, which we have been expecting for some time!"

Meanwhile General Franco continues to mass troops on the Madrid front, while the Burgos radio says that General Franco does not differentiate between the Communists and supporters of the Madrid Defence Council.

Both, say the Nationalists, are the common enemies of Fascism.

Bread rations are again being distributed in Madrid and traffic is normal.

General Miaja is in control of all Republican Spain, and there appears to be no truth in reports of a revolt at Cartagena. — Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE SAPPER IMPRISONED

Ho Yau, a sapper of the Chinese section of the Royal Engineers, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest when he was found guilty of wounding Chan Ying, in Lockhart Road on March 6.

The complainant stated that he was in Lockhart Road when defendant attacked him from the opposite direction and struck him with a knife on the arms and chest.

Defendant denied striking complainant and said that he was walking in Lockhart Road when he saw some people fighting. He went up to pacify the parties. Complainant tried to strike him so he seized him and handed him to a constable.

An Indian constable, who made the arrest denied that defendant asked him to arrest complainant. He took both parties to the Sta-

UNEMPLOYED TO BE GIVEN A.R.P. WORK

London, To-day.

The Government intend to use a number of unemployed men to build evacuation camps, announced the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Local authorities, he added, would employ extra labour from unemployment exchanges on A. R. P. work.

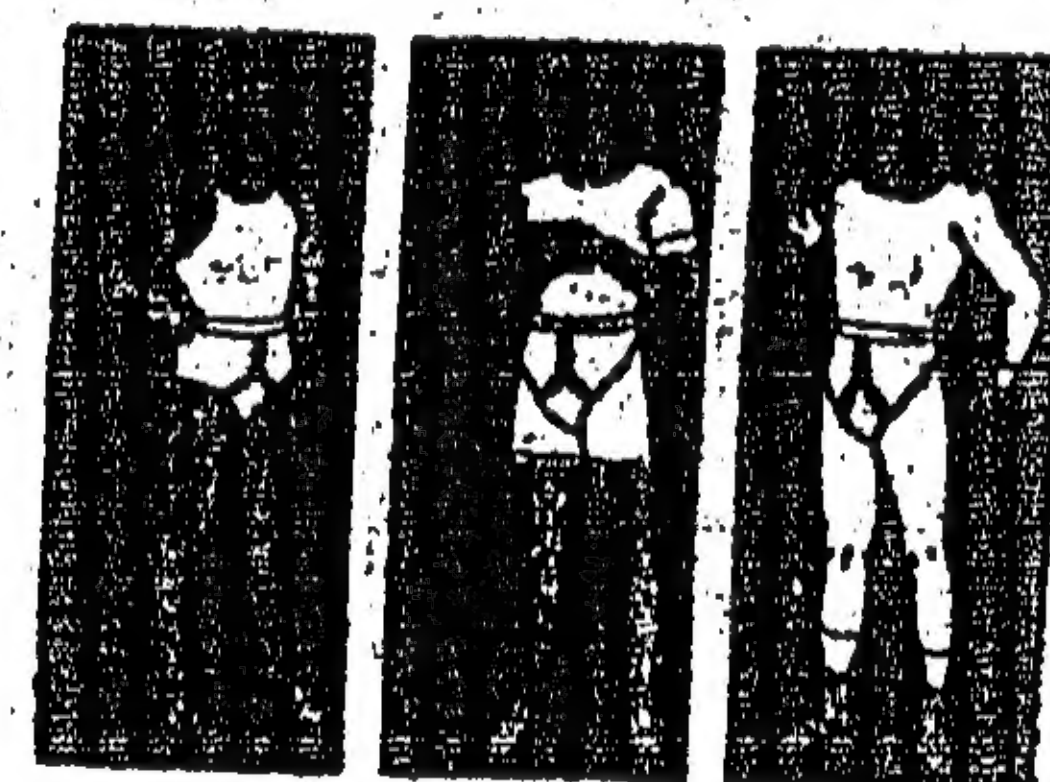
Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Labour) accused the Government of complacency in dealing with unemployment, and said their measures only touched the fringe of the question.

Mr. Brown, replying, said the Government were trying to relieve unemployment by reducing international tension and increasing world trade.

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The defendant after hearing the sentence gave notice of appeal.

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A FEDERAL EUROPE

Despite the fact that it is still an unrealized ideal, nothing appears more self-evident to the thinking man to-day than that the future of Europe depends upon the evolution of some form of federal government.

The exclusive nationalism, so marked a feature of the policies of certain countries, is hardly the soil in which such an idea can flourish. But while in the political sphere retrogression has temporarily triumphed, politics is only one expression of public activity. There are others in which new fundamental changes find political expression. The ever-increasing conquest by mankind of the limitations of space and time through the accumulated sum of discoveries and inventions has long served to show that co-operation rather than isolation is essential to the development of the fullest civilization on this globe.

Human behaviour is a strange paradox, but acting on the analogy of action and reaction, history has shown that it is when certain ideas appear at their zenith, that people have begun to long for their opposite and have worked for such a realization. Hence, it is not surprising that many of Europe's millions are convinced that the solution of their fundamental problems is hindered rather than helped by the presence of national frontiers.

While it is clear that chauvinistic propaganda through press and radio can cause the great unifying forces of physical science and common human sentiments to be submerged and can relegate to the background or deliberately misrepresent some of the basic human needs, it should not be forgotten what expenditure of energy backed by the whole might of totalitarian propaganda has been used to bring this about. Repressive control of all forms of public expression still has to be continued, and even this cannot control the humane reaction of the vast majority of a nation—as was shown in the recent events in Germany!

The peoples of all countries long for international co-operation, but with the endeavour to translate this wish into political form difficulties arise. Such unity implies the reconciliation of national interests with the interests of the whole continent. It means the establishment of a league of free peoples, under a voluntary submission to a central authority. To-day, this is prevented by considerations of national prestige and individual ambition, and is made all the harder by racial theories which isolate rather than combine. Under such conditions it is not surprising that many turn back to the

Middle Ages to the days before a national economy, a national state, or national church. But such a unity of centuries ago is impossible and would be incomplete to-day. Ours must be a unity of a more diverse but deeper kind when it comes.

The events of the past few months in Europe have seemed to work against rather than for federalism. Hegemony and domination, and benevolent despotism, which may be economically beneficial but are morally and culturally detrimental have temporarily triumphed. The moves toward decentralization have been rudely checked and replaced by a centralized domination which leaves little room for self-expression for many millions of human beings.

These are hard facts which cannot be ignored. But they have not convinced even those living under such systems that isolation rather than co-operation is the solution. People are still searching for that common ethical unity which alone can be the basis of a common public system of law in which they can live the fullest life.

It is the old ideal stated centuries ago by two inhabitants of Cilicia, in Asia Minor. Zeno the Stoic described it as "one way and order of life, like that of a single flock feeding on common pasture." St. Paul, native of Tarsus, presented it as the idea from which was excluded "neither Jew, nor Gentile, Greek nor Barbarian."

Mirabile Dictu!

Last month ushered in the first official American Mother-in-Law Day. Unofficial observance had its beginning in the unrecorded ages before history. The untutored savage, according to Sir James George Frazer, contemplated his mother-in-law with mingled awe and dread. That's the savage for you. During centuries of development, mankind changed its attitude toward this awesome lady sufficiently to make jokes about her. That was a questionable advance. This twentieth century at last sees civilized men setting about to honour her. That's enlightenment!

Thus is shown not only the change which time inevitably brings, but also the dominating role Mother-in-law has played in the past. And still plays, if you ask the man who has one! In fact and in fiction, she has always been on the job, and now there will be set aside a particular day for remembering her. Remembering her? How can we ever forget her? Doesn't every mature American remember that good lady's manifold deeds as described by Yawcob Strause, and doesn't he concur in its generous sentiment?

Veek oudt and veek in, id vas always der same,

Dot yomen vas boss off der house;

But, dhen, neffer mindt! I vas glad dot she came.

She vas kind to mine young Yawcob Strause.

Und ven dhere vas vater to get vrom der spring

Und firewood to splitt oup und saw

She vas welcome to do it. Dhere's not anyding

Dot's too good for mine moder-in-law.

What is more, so many a mother-in-law has lived up to the Strause model that national observance of her indispensable contributions—from near or from far—to domestic happiness was bound to become a fact sooner or later.

HITLER CHANGES MAP OF EUROPE

Troops Occupy Czech Towns

Germany last night started to take action which will alter the map of Europe, and Nazi troops began the invasion of Czech territory.

It is not yet known whether German troops have marched into Slovakia, but in Prague, it is confirmed that Hitler's legions have occupied the Moravian town of Maerische-Ostrau and have advanced as far as the town of Mistek.

DR. SIDOR CLEARS WAY

Prague, To-day.

Dr. Sidor, Premier of the short-lived provisional government in Slovakia cleared the way for yesterday's dramatic moves by resigning.

He made a short personal statement to the Diet and then Dr. Tiso reported on his visit to Berlin.

There will be a presidential election in a fortnight's time.

Dr. Sidor is Minister for Interior in the new government. — Reuter.

MEXICAN OIL TALKS STILL GOING ON

MEXICO CITY, TO-DAY.

MR. DONALD RICHBERG, THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES IN THE EXPROPRIATION NEGOTIATIONS, HAD AN HOUR AND A HALF DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CARDENAS YESTERDAY.

The talk, which covered important topics of discussion, was then adjourned until to-day.

Mr. Richberg said that if a conclusion was reached in the next two days he would make a statement to end the many unfounded rumours.

Mr. Richberg expects to leave for Washington next week, and if necessary will return to Mexico. — Reuter.

The occupation of Maerische-Ostrau, however, is denied in Berlin, where President Hacha, the Czech President, and Dr. Chvalovsky, the Czech Foreign Minister, arrived at 9.40 last night.

The fate of the Czechs depends on the visit to Berlin of Dr. Hacha and Dr. Chvalovsky, who it is stated, were received by Hitler in the presence of Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and Field-Marshal Goering. It is understood Dr. Hacha went to Berlin on his own responsibility.

Dr. Tiso's request for Hitler's help is taken in Berlin to mean that German troops would march into Slovakia (probably during the night) to restore order and clarify Dr. Tiso's position.

GERMANY SEETHING WITH RUMOUR

The whole of Germany is seething with rumours of troop movements, and it is said that altogether 40 divisions are in a position of potential mobility, while 14 divisions have been detailed for possible immediate action.

Two motorised divisions are reported to have left Breslau for the southern Silesian frontier, and large sections of the Berlin-Vienna motor-road have been closed to civil traffic.

The Nazi motor corps — a motorised semi-military party organisation — has left Munich for the frontier.

CARS REQUISITIONED

The requisitioning of private cars has started in Munich.

Well-informed German circles in Berlin believed that German troops were ready to march into Czechoslovakia during the night if necessary. — Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS CROSS

Prague, To-day.

German troops crossed the Czech frontier yesterday according to information received by Trans-Ocean at nine o'clock from official Czech quarters. The troops entered the town of Moravian-Ostrava which is an important industrial town of 125,000 inhabitants on the frontier. — Trans-Ocean.

POLAND STRENGTHENS BORDER POSTS

Warsaw, To-day.
It is officially announced that Polish military detachments on the Polish-Carpatho-Ukraine frontier are being strengthened. — Reuter.

PRAGUE APPEAL FOR CALM

Prague, To-day.

An appeal for calm in the present historic events in Bratislava has been broadcast from the Prague radio.

In Bratislava, says a message from Slovak capital, except for a number of steel-helmeted police in the streets with fixed bayonets, the city is fairly normal.

No flags are flying and work is largely at a standstill, however. The public is rather perplexed by the rapid current of events. — Reuter.

DR. WEIZMANN

London, To-day.

Dr. Weizmann, head of the Jewish delegation to the Palestine Conferences, had a conversation with the Prime Minister at the House of Commons last evening — British Wireless.

WASHINGTON WARNS OF REAL SHOWDOWN IN TEN DAYS

Washington, To-day.

The virtual dissolution of Czechoslovakia has caused a painful impression here, declares the "Washington Star."

The newspaper adds: "This new crisis is regarded as the forerunner of a more serious one before the end of the month."

"Reports from American diplomats in Central Europe indicate that the Germans and Italian Governments are preparing for a real showdown."

"Many warn the Administration that trouble is likely to start within ten days."

Official circles in Washington view yesterday's developments as unmistakable evidence of the intention of the totalitarian states to secure the obedience of the remaining small democracies in the coming struggle with France and Britain. — Reuter.

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Czechs Reply To Tiso Accepting The Inevitable

RUTHENIA TO MAKE APPROACH TO HUNGARY

Hust, To-day.
The Foreign Minister of the new independent Carpatho-Ukrainian Government, Mr. Revay, will communicate with the Hungarian Government, it was officially stated here, in order to ascertain whether the Hungarian offer of January 29 is still valid. This offer, it is recalled, referred to Hungarian proposals for greater autonomy for Carpatho-Ukraine under Hungarian rule than it enjoyed as part of the Czech Federal State.

This inquiry marks the first overtone, it is declared, for a voluntary Anschluss of the Carpatho-Ukraine to Hungary. — Trans-Ocean.

TROOPS REACH SVALAVA

Budapest, To-day.
The Hungarian troops advancing from Muncacs into Carpatho-Ukraine, have reached the outskirts of Svalava, according to an official Hungarian news bulletin.

Svalava is situated on the railway line Muncacs — Lemberg (Lwov) about 20 kilometres north-east of Muncacs and is the most important railway junction in Ukraine, since here the Lemberg-Muncacs railway crosses the new west-east motor road. — Trans-Ocean.

CLASH NEAR MUNKACS

Budapest, To-day.
Czech troops blew up the railway line between Salank and Fekete-patak southeast of Munkacs in order to check the advance of the Hungarian troops.

The Hungarian border troops were attacked by the Czechs with machine guns and handgrenades and returned the fire.

Czech troops attempting to cross the demarcation line near Barkazo were repulsed by the Hungarians who had two wounded. The Czechs arrested two prominent leaders of the Hungarian Party in Slovakia, Count Michael Csaky, and his brother, Count August Csaky. — Trans-Ocean.

It is learned that the Hungarian Minister in Rome visited Count Ciano yesterday to discuss the Hungarian-Ruthenia Anschluss.

RUMANIA INACTIVE

A message from Bucharest says that the Rumanian Government has taken no measures on the frontier, though the situation is being closely watched.

RUMOURED MARCH ON SLOVAKIA

Vienna, To-day.
Strong Czech detachments with tanks and heavy artillery were seen yesterday afternoon on the road across the Tatra mountains from Sillein to Vrutky advancing eastwards on Slovakia.

A skirmish occurred at about 2 o'clock between Czech infantry and Slovak soldiers belonging to Czech regiments who wanted to prevent the occupation of the important railway junction of Dubna

NO CHALLENGE TO PROCLAMATION

Czech official acknowledgment of the fact that nothing remained to be done after Dr. Tiso had proclaimed Slovakian independence was made just before President Hacha's fateful visit to Berlin, which ended the existence of Bohemia as an independent Czech State.

An official broadcast stated: "We desire from the bottom of our hearts that the Slovak nation will reap success in its future independent existence."

TISO'S PROCLAMATION

Bratislava, To-day.
The Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, has issued the following proclamation in conjunction with the declaration of independence:

"At this extremely grave moment we, the authorized representatives of the Slovak people, address ourselves to you and to all peoples of the world who are free and thus appreciate the value of national liberty.

The events that have transpired during the past days on the soil of our homeland, under the pressure of armed Czech power, violate the most natural laws of humanity of nations. The object in all this was to deprive our people of that which they had gained at a great sacrifice. The intention was to place us again under the yoke that would not be lighter than the one we formerly bore. We did everything in our power to achieve a solution which was acceptable to us and also to the Czech people.

"We were willing to deprive ourselves of many things to which we had a legitimate right in order to come to an understanding with the Czechs. All of our endeavours were in vain.

FORCE CHALLENGED

The political representatives of the Czech people believed that they could force us to capitulate.

The President of the Republic dismissed in an unconstitutional manner, the Slovak National Government on the night of March 9.

Autonomy of Slovakia which was promised to us long ago and finally granted by law last autumn was abolished.

Through this act, however, the relations between the Slovak and Czech peoples lost a constitutional basis. The Prague Government turned to armed force and thus created a situation which is no longer compatible with relations between peoples of equal rights but on the other hand signifies Czech dictatorship and an attempt to compel us to submit.

"HISTORY WILL PROVE"

History will prove that our conscience is clear and God is our witness that we wished only for the best. Responsible leaders of the Czech people replied to our good will with force. Against the Czech people we have no grievance but this nation is governed by men who have learnt nothing from the past.

Skala by the Czechs. An engineers detachment composed of Slovaks is reported to have blown up the bridge near Dubna Skala. — Trans-Ocean.

The day has arrived when we must take the destiny of our people into our own hands if we wish to rescue the nation from political death. If we desire to secure the future of our people we must terminate the mutual political life with the Czech nation, and we have therefore resolved to claim complete independence for our Slovak people. We are convinced that this step is in the interest of peaceful relations between the Czech and Slovak people. As duly authorized representatives of the Slovak people we herewith exercise our sovereign right and declare the independence of Slovakia.

Dr. Tiso urged the people to maintain discipline and order. — Trans-Ocean.

Czech Official Acceptance

Prague, To-day.
Special editions announced the proclamation of the independence of Slovakia to the Prague population yesterday afternoon. The news caused the greatest surprise among the masses which on account of the strict censorship were almost unaware of the actual developments in Slovakia. No official announcement has been made yet on the Cabinet meeting yesterday.

It is reported that the Cabinet decided to resign but the decision will be made known only after the return of President Hacha from Berlin. It is also rumoured that the leader of the Czech Legionaries General Gajda has been consulted regarding the formation of a new Government.

NO RESISTANCE

Other rumours say that the Cabinet before resigning decided to withdraw all troops from Slovakia while according to other reports the General Staff declared that no orders had yet been given for a withdrawal of the troops.

Regarding the advance of the Hungarian troops in the Carpatho-Ukraine, military quarters in Prague declare that Czech troops are retreating without resistance.

The Carpatho-Ukrainian Minister, Revay, recently deposed by the Prague Government, is reported to have left Vienna by plane for Chust, the capital of the Carpatho-Ukraine. — Trans-Ocean.

Czech People Startled

Prague, To-day.
The Slovak declaration of independence was recognized in the following statement broadcast at the instance of the Czech Gov-

NEW CABINET AT HUST

Prague, To-day.

It is officially announced in Chust that the Carpatho-Ukraine Government has been reconstructed. Father Volesin remains Premier, and Julian Revay, who was dismissed from office by Prague, becomes Foreign Minister.

An official communique states that M. Revay is at present in Germany "defending the interests of his country."

The Czech officer, General Prechaca, Minister for Interior, has been relieved of office.

The new Government is described as provisional, and it is generally thought here that Carpatho-Ukraine will place itself under German protection. — Reuter.

ernment:—

"Slovakia has adopted a new course and, following due deliberation, has decided in favour of independence. The Czechs and Slovaks have co-operated for 20 years and, during this period, the collaboration was certainly not to the disadvantage of the Slovaks.

To-day the federation between Bohemia and Slovakia ceases to exist and each of them pursue its individual existence.

On this occasion, when two brotherly nations take leave of each other, we can truthfully assert that the Czech people have never entertained feelings of hatred or enmity for the Slovaks.

GOOD WISHES

We desire from the bottom of our hearts that the Slovak nation will reap success in its future independent existence and that the Slovak people will acquire economic conditions conforming with the requirements of the nation.

The Czech State is now faced with a number of problems which differ considerably from other tasks.

We are beginning a new epoch in our national life and it is necessary that we take up the work of leadership with a spirit of unity, discipline and prudence.

In our co-operation with Slovakia, the now independent State, we shall retain friendly recollections realizing as we do that the political frontiers cannot separate the hearts of people who have been together for so many years." — Trans-Ocean.

Police Fire On Germans

Berlin, To-day.

One German was killed and six Germans wounded at Stangern in the Iglau district of Moravia when the Czech police fired at German demonstrators protesting against the arrest of local German leaders. The mob stormed numerous homes of Germans in Pilsen, demolished the furniture and maltreated the lodgers.

Four including a woman and a 12 year old girl were seriously injured. The Czech police did not intervene.

Similar anti-German incidents are reported from Iglau and Budweis. — Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar

MAGISTRATES URGE BAN ON RED BIDDY

Licensing Justices at Newington (London) have decided to ask the Government to ban the sale of Red Biddy. This was announced by Mr. T. Cox, the chairman, when he opened the annual Brewster Sessions.

He drew attention to the number of deaths, and to prosecutions of parents for neglecting their children, arising out of the consumption of Red Biddy.

R.A.F. GET 1,000 IN WEEK

R.A.F. recruiting set up a record when, in a single week, over a thousand men joined. Actual figure was 1,080 (fifty-five pilots and observers and 1,025 aircrew).

AUSTRALIA SPENDS

\$25,000 FOR DUKE

Nursery accommodation is receiving careful attention in the work that has already begun at Canberra of extending and altering Government House, in readiness for the new Governor-General, the Duke of Kent and his family.

The Duke and Duchess, with their children, Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra, will arrive in Australia towards the end of this year.

The reconstruction, which will cost \$25,000, includes the installation of a special kitchenette next to the rooms which are being prepared as nurseries for the children.

A large reception room and eight extra bedrooms are also being installed.

SHE LIVED IN SIX REIGNS

Mrs. J. J. Hay Brown, granddaughter of a former Provost of Haddington (Scotland), daughter of an intimate friend of Jane Welsh, wife of Thomas Carlyle, has died in Montreal, aged 103.

She had lived in six reigns, those of William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI.

CHAINED MEN ON FORM

Two men who were found chained to a form were taken from a political meeting in Dundee last night to the police station, still fastened to the form.

The men were found when police were called to a Dundee Unionist Association meeting addressed by Mr. J. Scrymgeour Wedderburn, M.P., Under-Secretary for Scotland, and Miss Florence Horsburgh, M.P.

THE KING'S B.I.F. VISIT

The Prime Minister will be Minister in attendance on the King when he visits the Birmingham Section of the British Industries Fair.

Consumption has increased from less than two and a half million gallons in 1927-28 to six and a quarter million gallons in 1936-37.

"We are told," Mr. Cox added, "that the alcoholic strength of a half-pint of Red Biddy is equal to ten-half-pints of beer."

Red Biddy is cheap wine costing only a few pennies a bottle. In itself it does little harm, but addicts "strengthen" it with methylated spirit (which can be bought at most general stores). People drinking Red Biddy and "meth" go "mad drunk."

Surgical spirit-to-day, five times stronger than whisky, can be widely bought for 1s. 3d. a bottle. So for 1d. a man may obtain a quarter of a glass of surgical spirit (equal in strength to a full glass of whisky) and give it flavour and colour with cheap wine.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in Highgate Police Court: Rate Defaulter: I have gone to extremes to try and meet this debt. In fact, it's a wonder I'm not inside the dock instead of just in front of it.

Woman Motorists: It is true that there were no actual lights on my car, but there was quite a bright reflection from some street lamps.

Defendant: I said, "You are a policeman, aren't you?" He turned his back on me and bowed his head.



"Save Agriculture" reads the placard carried by this Suffolk farmer's wife as the protest contingent passed through London.



HE INVENTED COIN MAKING MACHINE. — Crooks would give a fortune to possess the secret of a coin-making machine invented by a Brighton man. He is Mr. Albert Filtness, a 47-year-old clockmaker. He has shown his invention to the Mint. At the Mint they employ several processes before they get the final die but Mr. Filtness claims to do the same thing in one process.

FIRST WOMAN AVIATOR DIES BIRDS OF A FEATHER . . .

Reported to be first woman in the world to fly, Mrs. Lella Marie Cody, aged eighty-seven, widow of the pioneer aviator, Colonel Cody, died at her home at Ash Vale (Surrey). Her husband, S. F. Cody, was killed twenty-five years ago in an air crash at Aldershot.

Colonel Cody was an American, born in Texas in 1861, and so he was often confused with the earlier and more famous Colonel "Buffalo Bill" Cody, to whom he was not even related. Mrs. Cody, at the Crystal Palace in 1901, made a ten-minute flight in a man-lifting kite. In 1908 she made her first power-flight in a plane designed and piloted by her husband.

When K. W. Pickthorn, Cambridge University's M.P., tripped on the steps of Westminster Hall and badly cut his forehead, not a doctor M.P. could be found in the House. Then, after a hunt, ten doctor M.P.s were discovered attending a medical group meeting. Sir Henry Morris-Jones, National Liberal member for Denbigh, gave first aid and saw Mr. Pickthorn off to Westminster Hospital.

ONLY 3,389 BRITONS FOR CANADA

Migration to Canada last year was 17,244, compared with 15,101 in 1937. The migration from the British Isles increased by 18 per cent. to 3,389.

ANOTHER DESTROYER LAUNCHED

Destroyer Khartoum, 1,700 tons, was launched by Lady Maffey at Wallsend (Tyne).

\$4,500,000 WAR FACTORIES

The cost to the French Government of nationalising a number of industries manufacturing war material was \$4,500,000 up to the end of January. This information was given to the Finance Committee of the Chamber.

LEFT BUSINESS TO EMPLOYEE

Mr. Joshua William Cranfield Scholey, member of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, left £1,000 and the goodwill of his business in Rangoon-street, City of London, to his employee, Headley Farndon. His gross estate was £20,874.

HIS DANCING'S CHAMPION

Mr. John Wells, of Kensington, and Miss Renee Sissons, of Peckham, London, successfully defended their world amateur ballroom dancing title at the international dancing championship meeting at Munich. They defeated the German couple, Herr and Frau Teypel. Seventeen nations competed.

TO DIE 10 YEARS AFTER CRIME

Max Rothert, aged thirty-five, who in December, 1923, shot and killed a little girl, Emma Trepp, 10, has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.



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WORLD ECONOMIC

Nazi Challenge Of U.S.A.

Washington.

When Adolf Hitler read the riot act to the United States in the Reichstag recently he was challenging the democratic nations to a long-term struggle for supremacy in the field of world trade.

At least observers here of the world economic scene view it that way.

They take the view that the German leader has labelled Uncle Sam his Economic Enemy No. 1. They don't think he did it because this nation is actually his greatest trade rival, but because the Hull agreements accenting trade equality offer obstacles to the German idea of trade treaties made to serve the needs of state instead of individuals.

At the same time, the richest, and therefore the strongest advocate of democracy, offered to Hitler a strong contrast to illustrate his recital of the case of the totalitarian "have-nots" vs. the democratic "have" nations.

In a casual sort of way the trade struggle has been developing ever since the world war. The first sign of its coming was the ascent of Lenin's and Stalin's communism, inaugurating, as it did, economic theories previously untested by any important world power.

After Lenin and Stalin, Mussolini burst upon the Italian scene, limiting private capitalism, and setting up the so-called corporate state. After Mussolini came Hitler and state socialism.

These phenomena of government are variously understood and as variously defined. But one element stands out. The men who established these systems succeeded by their own hand, because they moulded the individual to the will of the all-powerful state.

VITALITY SAPPED

Meanwhile, beginning in 1928, the depression sapped the vitality of the democracies, and Japan joined the totalitarian group as a "have-not" nation on the make. These two developments began the process of balancing the scales between the two forces.

As the experts view the world picture in retrospect, some kind of conflict was inevitable in the field of trade, since trade is controlled by the state in the totalitarian group, and by individuals in the democratic nations.

Rich Uncle Sam and poverty-ridden Germany unwittingly supplied the makings for the economic war as far back as 1928.

With little gold to offer for goods, Germany instituted the so-called barter system. Any nation trading with Germany is obliged to accept goods in payment.

About the same time, Trader Hull, as Secretary of State for President Roosevelt, set up his reciprocal trade programme as a device to increase trade by spreading concessions in a sort of round robin of treaties.

LINES DRAWN

Thus the lines were drawn between two theories, one blasting open trade channels, the other restricting them to specially arranged routes.

The struggle developed like this: 1. The Hull plan guaranteed equality of treatment to all nations that signed up, with the single exception of Germany. The Reich was barred on the ground that Germany was the lone big power refusing to co-operate.

2. Germany selected Latin America as a special field for expansion, and by 1937 had risen from third place in Latin American trade to second, replacing Great Britain behind the leading United States.

3. Early last December the United States signed reciprocal trade treaties with the United Kingdom and Canada, bringing to 192 the nations within the American trade equality orbit. Many of these nations were in coveted Latin America.

ROOSEVELT HINTS

4. Only a few weeks ago, President Roosevelt hinted in his annual message to Congress that there were measures short of war to combat aggressor states. Since Germany gets no benefits from Hull

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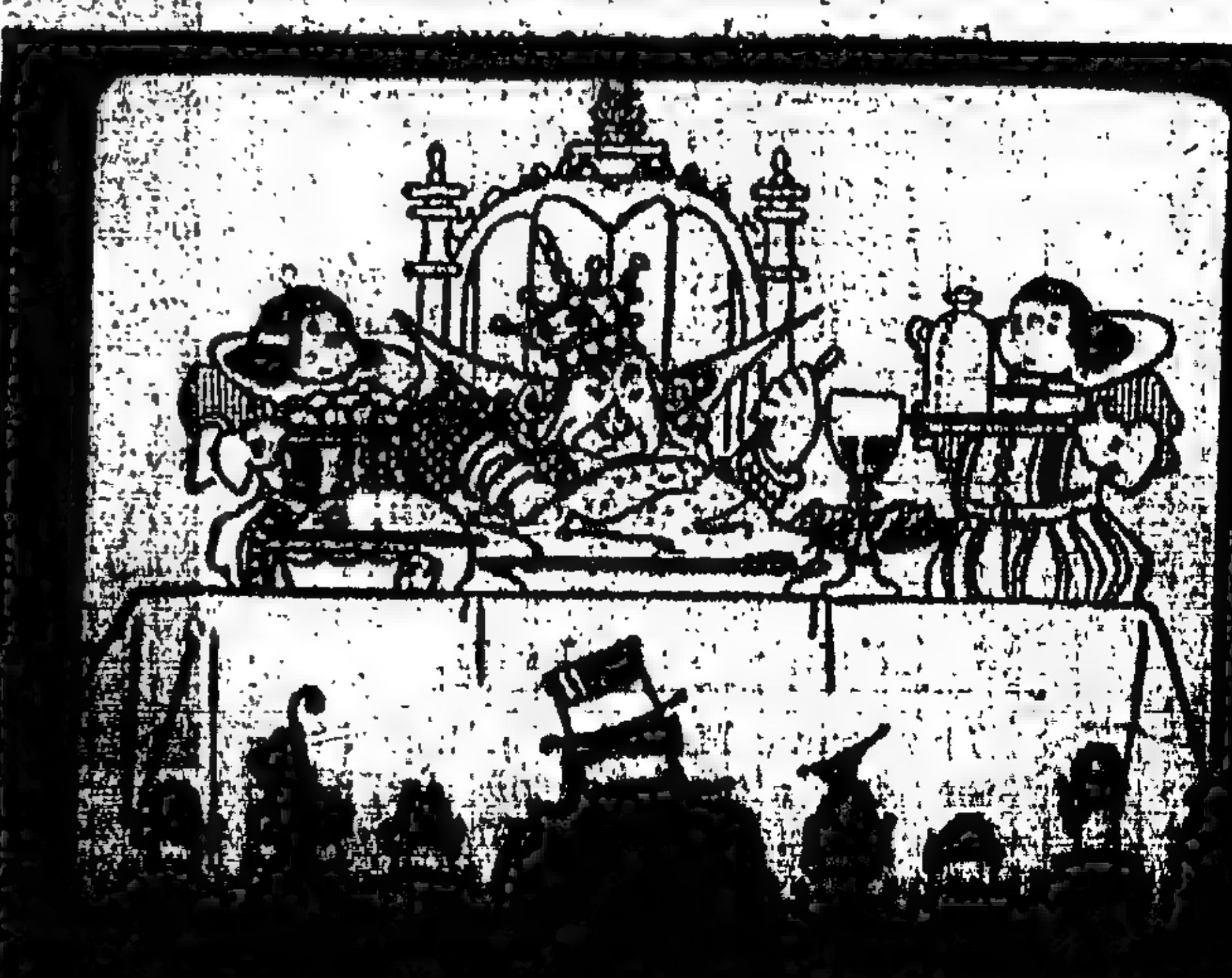
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these developments,

and you have the probable reason why Hitler boiled over at the United States, and advised the world that Germany's trade with Latin American nations was no business of ours.

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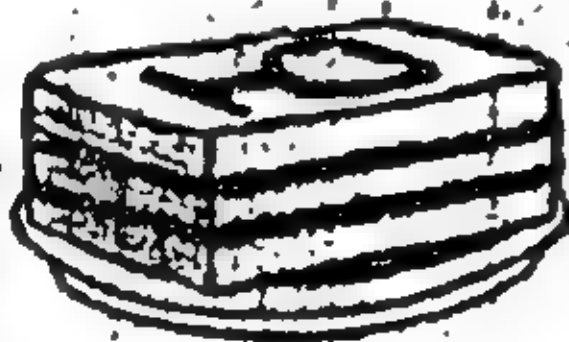
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A jabot fold, below the one-button closing, gives a soft and dressy touch with no suggestion of fussiness. This is a perfect style for luncheons and bridge parties; the detailing is all up-top. Make this of pure dye silk, faille or flat crepe, with very fine lace edging—lace is to be so smart for spring.

Skating Silhouette Swirls into Spring

Even if you don't go in for roller-skating, you'll certainly want a sports outfit like this. The very full circular skirt and little fitted jacket comprise a sports type that will extremely smart during the coming season. And such a becoming type! The jacket is darted in to make your waist look very tiny, and it buttons smartly straight up to your chin. The high-shouldered sleeves are young and smart. They go beautifully with the rippling width of skirt.

Tweed, velveteen, flannel and suede cloth are smart materials.



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This spring your frocks must look nicely fully over the bust, and very, very flat over the diaphragm. And you must have the right sort of slip beneath them. This design is planned especially to give you the smart new silhouette. The bra-top, you see, is made with shirring and darts, to look full and rounded, above a diaphragm that's as flat as Dame Fashion demands. Your dresses will look perfectly lovely over it.

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Business Girl Among Women

Surprising as it may seem, some of America's most chic beauties are business women. You see them lunching and dining at the smart places, walking pertly up the avenues, or in financial down-town — their trim figures becomingly and fashionably clothed and so perfectly groomed that one may well wonder, "How do they do it?"

You and I know that earning a living or making a success out of a career, is no cinch. Many hours are required for the job and the few leisure hours are definitely needed for rest and recreation, as all work and no play soon makes any girl dull and irritable. And America's business girls are far from dull, for they feel part of their success depends upon "keeping up" with things generally.

TIME-BUDGET GROUP

Actually these numerous women and girls belong to what I call the time-budget group who cleverly budget their hours to include business, their homes, recreation and beauty care. They make every minute count and many a self-pitying housewife, who gripes about her numerous duties, could learn a lesson from one of these careerists!

Despite their time-clock demands, these women keep themselves very attractive. They know that caring for their beauty is as important as getting their laundry out weekly or being on time for the job! Even though the majority of them spend eight hours in toil, they see to it that a few moments each day, and a couple of hours weekly, are devoted to personal grooming.

And that is where as a group, they have one up on the American housewives!

Near at hand in their offices, or other business quarters, they keep manicuring aids, cosmetics for skin care, make-up and sewing materials. The smartest and the most successful of them believe ardently in "a stitch in time saves nine." Whether that stitch is in a falling hem or slip strap or, symbolically, in the retouching of nail polish and the refreshing of their faces; They do not procrastinate as the housewife is likely to do—when grooming needs repair the business woman repairs it!

They have also discovered that a couple of hours weekly in the hands of professional beauticians is a great help. They have a facial, their hair done and a manicure while it is drying. Each patronizes a salon within her means and steps out of it with her foundation grooming completed for the week. Quite naturally she is poised and attractive!

Many a "dowdy" Mrs. Jones" housewife could follow the example of these job holders. And by intelligent planning of her duties could allow herself enough time and money to keep lovely-looking. It is just as easy for the housewife to meet friend husband with her beauty retouched and glowing, as it is for the business girl to leave her office at the end of the day looking as if she hadn't given quite her all for the success of the career! And a housewife is entitled to as much beauty as any woman in business!



This Business Beauty takes pride in keeping her typewriter-fingers beautifully manicured. With the aid of her office kit, she gets ready for an after-five date!

Fried Potatoes

(By EDITH M. BARBER)

"Should German fried potatoes be made with raw or cooked potatoes, asks a reader. My pet old German cookbook states that the frying should be done with the raw vegetable. Some water, however, is added. There is an additional note that cold boiled potatoes may be sliced and "fried in butter or other good fat." If you are starting from scratch, you may like to use the original method, the recipe for which is printed to-day.

For hashed browned style which is a general favourite, the potatoes may be boiled or baked and finely chopped in order that after being well browned, they may be folded like an omelet. For potatoes,

Lyonnais style, the same method is used with, however, the addition of thinly sliced onions.

FRIED POTATOES, GERMAN STYLE

Peel potatoes and cut into very thin slices. Put three tablespoons of lard, bacon fat or butter in a frying pan, put in potatoes, about an inch deep, sprinkle with salt and pepper and add half a cup of water and cover pan tightly. Let cook over a medium fire until water is absorbed. Uncover, let brown, turning slices occasionally. Add more fat if necessary.

HASHED BROWNED POTATOES

3 cups cold boiled potatoes, cut into fine cubes.
Salt, pepper.

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup bacon fat or butter.

Season potatoes to taste. Heat fat in frying pan, add potatoes, mix and stir until fat and potatoes are hot and well blended. Press down with a pancake turner. Let cook until well browned underneath, then fold with a spatula and serve.

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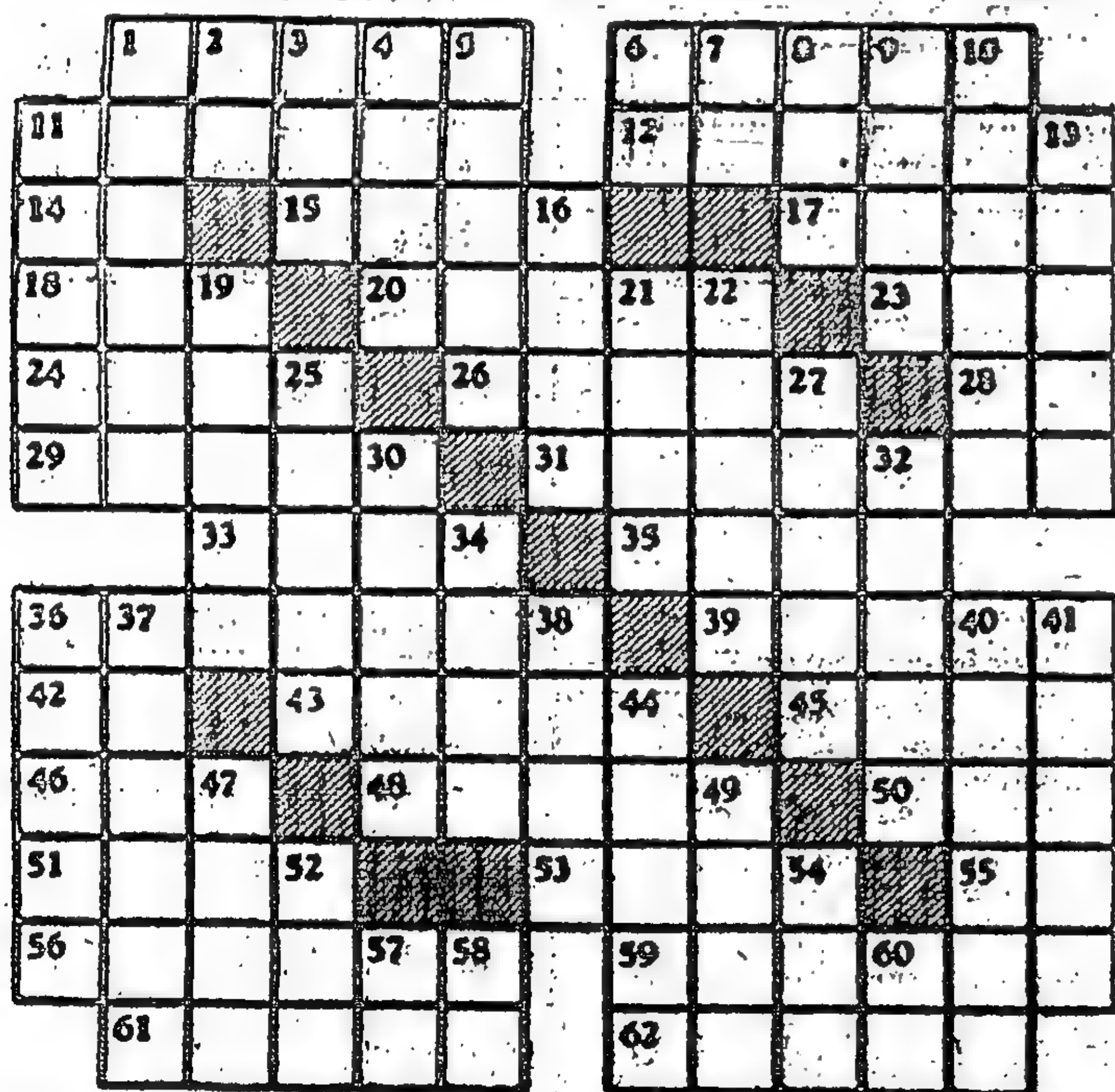
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- 1 Taste
- 6 Reddish-yellow
- 11 To leave
- 12 Scattered
- 14 Sacred word
- 15 Hub
- 17 Incarnation of Vishnu
- 18 Among
- 20 Storehouse
- 23 Descendant
- 24 Small particle
- 26 To restrict
- 28 Concerning
- 29 American composer
- 31 Judge's chambers
- 33 Man's name
- 35 Ready
- 36 Handles
- 39 Eats
- 42 One
- 45 To abscond
- 46 To strike out
- 48 Vessel
- 49 Scum
- 50 Gloomy
- 51 Black
- 53 To translate

VERTICAL

- 1 Descendant of Shem
- 55 Part of infinitive
- 56 Taciturn
- 59 Trifolium plant
- 61 One who scolds
- 62 Woods

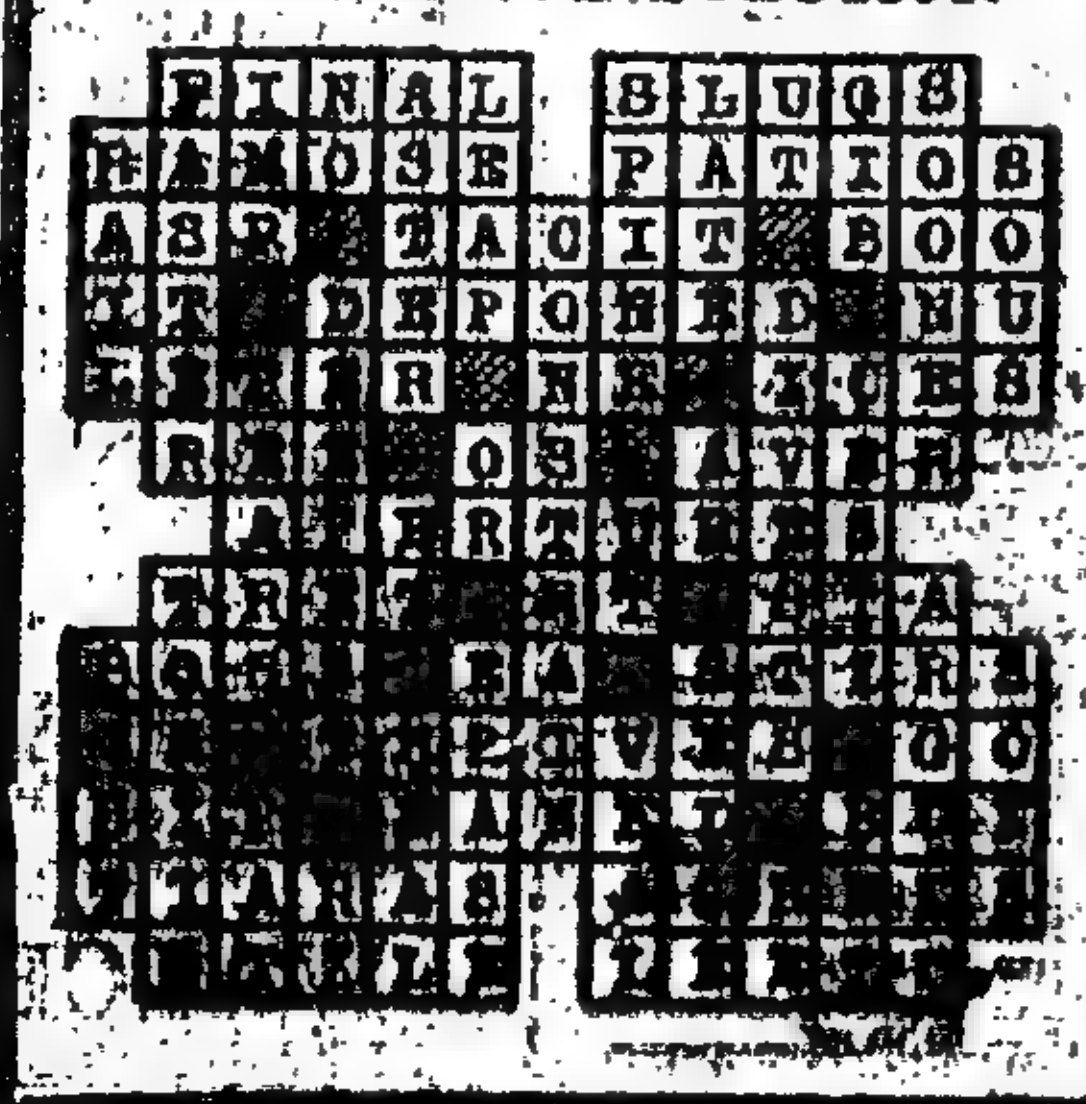
2 Proposition

- 3 French wine
- 4 Toward
- 5 Carouse
- 6 Because
- 7 Pronoun
- 8 Inhibition
- 9 Ages
- 10 Mediterranean fish

11 Kind of type

- 13 Europeans
- 16 Herald
- 19 English port
- 21 Rubaiyat
- 22 author's first name
- 23 Fearful
- 25 To chop
- 27 Moderately warm
- 30 Carols
- 32 To revive
- 34 Narrow opening
- 36 Galle
- 37 Egyptian deity
- 38 Yard
- 40 Exalts in spirit
- 41 Spanish title
- 43 Upright
- 47 Game
- 49 Spanish room
- 52 Modern
- 54 Beetle
- 57 Compass
- 58 Initials of former President
- 60 Brother of Odin

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his death the Company has suffered a very great loss. So far as we know Mr. Bourne possessed no immediate relatives here to whom we can convey our sympathy. For ourselves we feel that we have been deprived of a sterling character and a very valuable servant at a time when we can ill afford to lose him.

I now beg formally to propose that the Report and Accounts be adopted, and that the balance of \$1,154,327.55 be appropriated as follows:—
To Pay a Dividend of 60 cents per share on 1,193,807 Shares \$716,320.20
To Transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account 85,002.49
To Payment of Bonus to European Staff 35,444.42
To Carry Forward to New Account 317,560.44

\$1,154,327.55
Mr. P. M. Hodgson seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung was re-elected a director on the motion of Mr. J. T. Bagram supported by Mr. C. C. Blake, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.

The following attended:—
Mr. J. Scott Harston, chairman, Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. E. M. Raymond and Mr. P. H. Suckling (directors), Mr. F. C. Barry (secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. P. Sherry, P. M. Hodgson, F. R. Parsons, N. V. A. Croucher, A. J. Edgar, J. H. Potts Wong Nan-ching, H. Gittins, M. H. Lo, C. C. Blake, S. H. Ross, E. O. Murphy, J. T. Bagram, Fung Kwok-wah and G. A. Harriman.

NEW O.S.K. ROUTE

The "China Mail" learns that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Steamship Company have started a direct regular service between Japan and Manila.

Ships plying on that route will not call at Hong Kong.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-5/8 and forward at 20-1/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.6887 and the New York-London rate at £-U.S.\$4.68-7/8.

JAPS. FORM OWN TERROR COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

Further protests to Japan regarding the live-wire entanglements at Tientsin are expected to follow information received in London of the formation of a pro-Japanese terrorist committee outside the Concessions.

The modus operandi of the committee is to commit a terrorist action within the Concession and then escape outside.—Reuter.

CINEMA OWNER FINED

The manager of the Kwong Chi Theatre, Kiangsu Street, was this morning fined \$30 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon when summoned for allowing six persons to obstruct the cinema gangways on February 24.

Defendant stated that the six persons refused to leave when told that tickets without seats were sold to them by mistake.

SUEZ CANAL REVENUE

Suez Canal revenue for the first three months of the year shows a decrease compared with the corresponding period last year.

From January 1 to March 10, revenue totalled £1,750,000, a decrease of nine per cent.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anti-cyclone covers China and the adjacent seas. Pressure remains relatively low over Siam.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; cloudy.

DUKE OF ALBA

London, To-day.

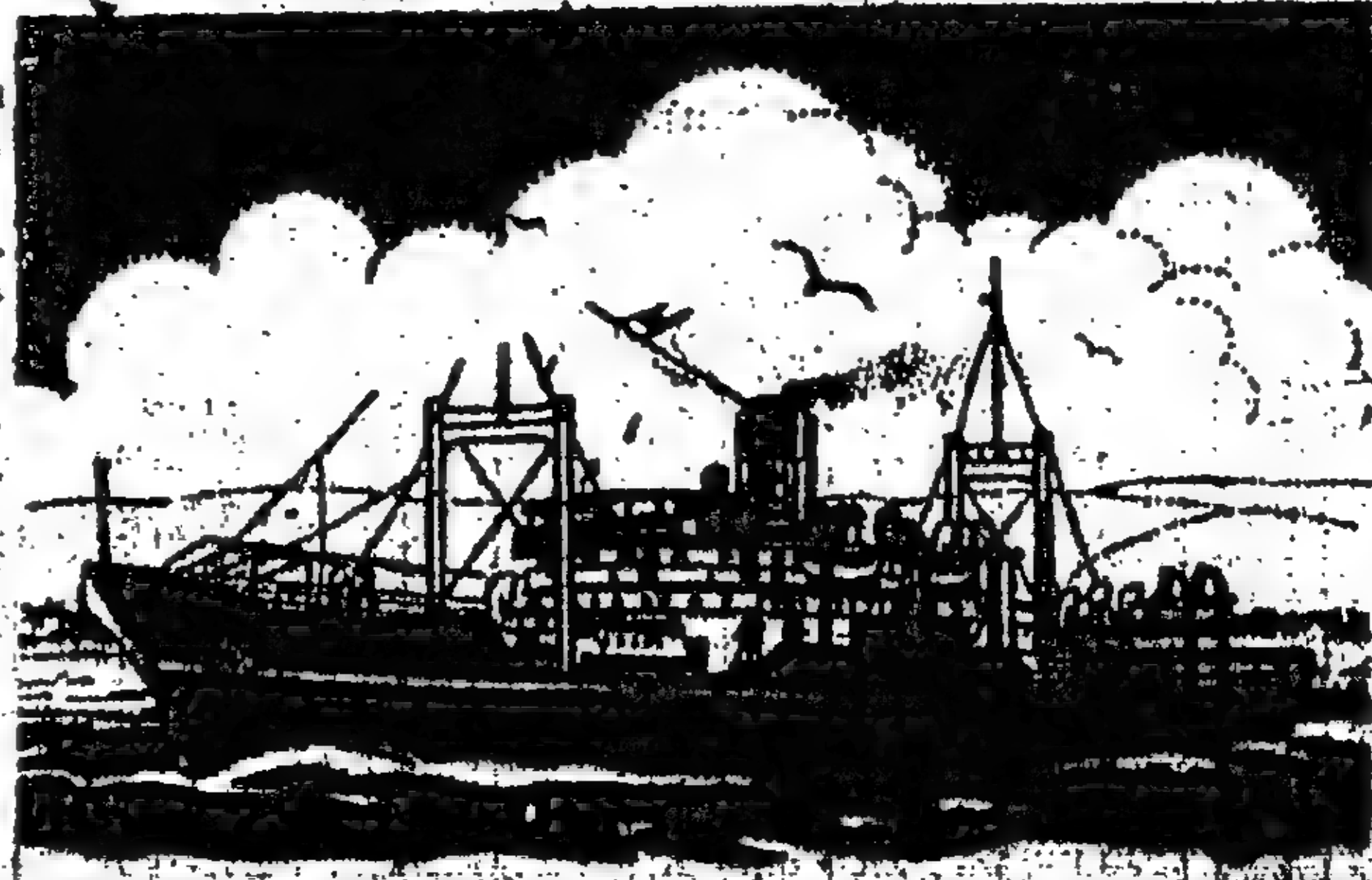
The Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador in London, called at the Foreign Office yesterday and saw Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.—British Wireless.

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"Wingsang" 26th Mar. 3 p.m.	"Talsang" 29th Mar. 5 p.m.
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"PRINCES" HOAXED THE NAVY

AN AMAZING HOAX ON THE NAVY IS TOLD BY ONE OF THE VICTIMS, OF IT VICE-ADMIRAL K. G. B. DEWAR, WHO WAS THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE FAMOUS ROYAL OAK CASE.

Shortly before the war H. M. S. Dreadnought, flagship of the Home fleet, was lying at Portland.

One morning (relates Admiral Dewar in "The Navy from Within" Gollancz 15s.) the commander-in-Chief received a telegram, ostensibly from the Foreign Office, saying that three Abyssinian Princes would visit the ship at 5 p.m.

A large marine guard paraded and officers warned to receive the visitors in frock coats and swords. The three Princes were received with a Royal salute by the guard.

"The visitors", Admiral Dewar relates, "had woolly mats of black hair, short, curly beards, and thick lips. They were dressed in bright coloured silks with elastic-sided boots and were accompanied by a seedy-looking interpreter in a frock coat and bowler hat.

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?

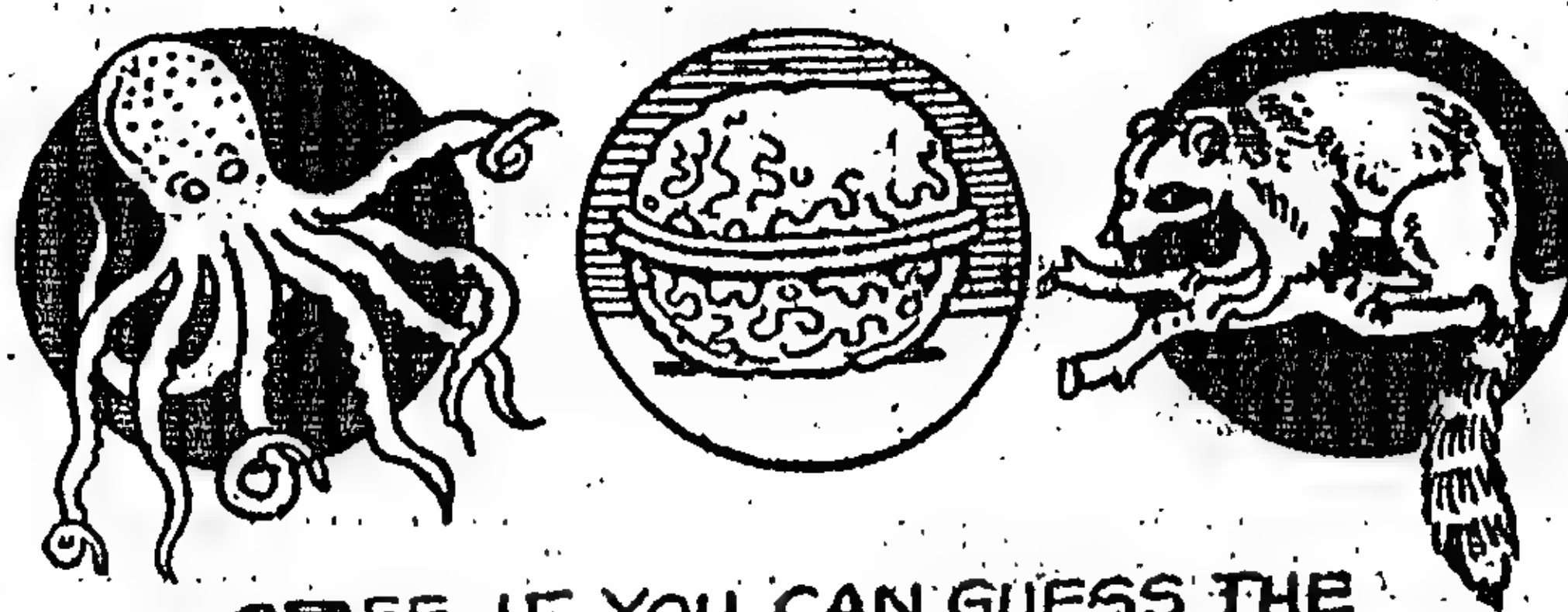
"They were shown round by the Flag Captain. I had been told to have one of the turrets cleared, and as the guns were trained the Royal visitors murmured 'Bungo, bungal' which the interpreter informed us was the vernacular for 'Isn't it wonderful!'"

It was after sunset that the distinguished visitors departed, having kept the great battleship in a fever the whole afternoon.

Next morning officers and men got a shock. The local papers revealed that the "Abyssinian princes" were two young men and a woman who had been disguised by Willie Clarkson, the theatrical costumer!

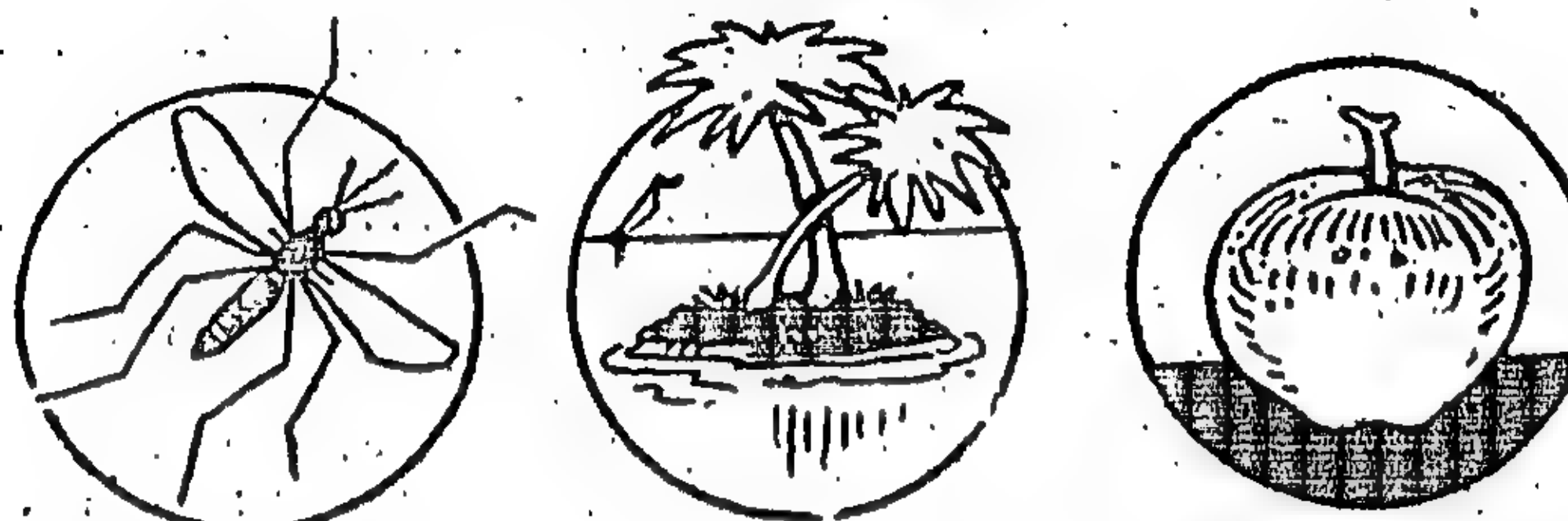
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HAS TEST MATCH BEEN ABANDONED?

Durban, To-day.

Only 42 runs short of their objective, England were robbed of a magnificent victory in the Fifth and Final Test match against South Africa here yesterday, when heavy rain and poor light made further play impossible with a tea score standing at 654 runs.

Nearly achieving what was considered by most critics to be an impossible task—that of scoring 696 runs in a fourth innings, England's batsmen set about their task with grim determination, but the anticlimax provided by the heavy rain at a moment when victory was within sight, must have come as a very bitter blow to the England team.

HAS IT BEEN ABANDONED?

There appears, however, to be some doubt as to whether the Test match has been abandoned. Daventry reported last night that as the M.C.C. team had to embark on their ship for England, the match had been declared drawn, but Reuter's last cable states that, "owing to a heavy rain and poor light during the interval, resumption of play after tea was impossible and that there would be no further play to-day (yesterday)!"

England gained further fame yesterday by establishing a world record score for the fourth innings of 578 for 3 at the lunch interval, beating the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia, in Sydney, in the 1907-8 season.

In was also England's highest Test score against South Africa, beating the 559 for 9 declared at Capetown on January 9.

There was a small crowd of 300 when Hammond (58) and Paynter (24) resumed England's innings at 496 for 3. The wicket appeared to be wearing at the ends, but it was playing easy.

The 500 was hoisted after 620 minutes play and when 524 was registered Hammond had scored 75 and Paynter 32.

Paynter had made 52 including two boundaries when the partnership yielded 100 runs in 152 minutes.

Melville, the home captain, pinned his faith on the pace of the bowlers, but this made no impression on the batsmen, who took no risks.

Lunch was taken with the score at 578 for 3, Hammond's score now being 98 and Paynter's 68.

AFTERNOON'S PLAY

The crowd had increased to 1,500 after lunch, with the weather dull.

Hammond reached his 100 in 273 minutes and he had hit three boundaries. A feature of his play was

THE SCORE BOARD

SOUTH AFRICA—1st Innings 530
2ND INNINGS

P. Van Der Byl, c Paynter, b Wright	97
B. Mitchell, b Verity	89
E. Rowan, c Edrich, b Verity	C
A. D. Nourse, c Hutton, b Farnes	25
K. G. Viljoen, b Perks	74
A. Melville, b Farnes	103
E. L. Dalton, c and b Wright	21
R. E. Grieverson, b Farnes	39
A. B. C. Langton, c Hammond, b Farnes	6
E. S. Newson, b Wright	3
N. G. Gordon, not out	7
Extras	17

Total 481

Fall of wickets:—1 for 191 (Mitchell); 2 for 191 (Rowan); 3 for 191 (Van der Byl); 4 for 242 (Nourse); 5 for 346 (Viljoen); 6 for 382 (Dalton); 7 for 434 (Melville); 8 for 450 (Langton); 9 for 462 (Newson); 10 for 481 (Grieverson).

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Farnes	22.1	2	74	4
Perks	32	6	99	1
Wright	32	7	146	3
Verity	40	9	87	2
Edrich	6	1	18	0
Hammond	9	1	30	0
Hutton	1	0	10	0

ENGLAND—1st Innings 316
2ND INNINGS

Hutton, b Mitchell	55
P. A. Gibb, b Dalton	120
Edrich, c Gordon, b Langton	219
W. R. Hammond, st. Grieverson, b Dalton	140
Paynter, c Grieverson, b Gordon	75
Ames, not out	17
B. H. Valentine, not out	4
Extras	24

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 654

Fall of wickets:—1 for 78 (Hutton); 2 for 358 (Gibb); 3 for 447 (Edrich); 4 for 611 (Paynter); 5 for 650 (Hammond).

grand driving to cover and his cutting.

The 602 was reached in 748 minutes. Just when the South Africans looked disconsolate and a beaten side, Paynter edged a ball from Gordon into Grieverson's hands, 611 for 4. His 75, which included five fours, was made in an aggressive innings marked by fine driving.

At this stage there were several stoppages owing to rain, Ames having joined Hammond.

The score was taken to 650 when Hammond was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton. Hammond made 140, including seven fours, his innings being featured by fine classic driving. He was at the wickets for 349 minutes.

Valentine joined Ames and they carried the total to 654 for 5 when tea was taken, Ames having scored 17 and Valentine 4.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE SOCCER MATCH

Eastern will meet Kwong Wah on the Club Ground this afternoon at 5 p.m. in their postponed First Division League football encounter. To-morrow, South China "A" and South China "B" will play off their postponed tie at Carolina Hill.

Two Brawn Cup Games Yesterday

C.B.A. AND D.G.S. SHARE SPOILS

Miss Sissons Robbed Of Goal By Whistle

Two Brawn Cup hockey matches were held yesterday evening and in both the result was a draw. At Shamshulpo Seaforth Ladies were held to a goalless draw by Central British School, while at King's Park, Diocesan Girls' School and Central British Association shared two goals on the former's ground.

At Shamshulpo Mrs. Akroyd, Seaforth Ladies' inside right, was very good individually and, but for a lack of support might quite easily have netted several goals.

The second half saw the School-girls on top, but they could not penetrate the Scots' Ladies' full-back division, where Mrs. Wilmot, one of the Colony's selections for Shanghai, was outstanding with cool clearances and well-timed interceptions.

Mrs. Wilkes made a sound pivot and distributed the ball to both wings, but the outsides were much too slow in centring.

Miss V. Sissons, Schoolgirls' inside left, was in very good form and was by far their most dangerous forward. She had extremely bad luck when she broke clean through in the closing minute, but the final whistle beat her parting shot by fractions of a second to rob her of a goal.

Spoils Shared

Hesitancy in the goalmouth by both sets of forwards was mainly responsible for Diocesan Girls and Central British Association sharing two goals at King's Park.

Outstanding performance was given by Mrs. Perrill, in C.B.A.'s goal. She kicked confidently and covered her backs efforts to clear in the circle with much confidence.

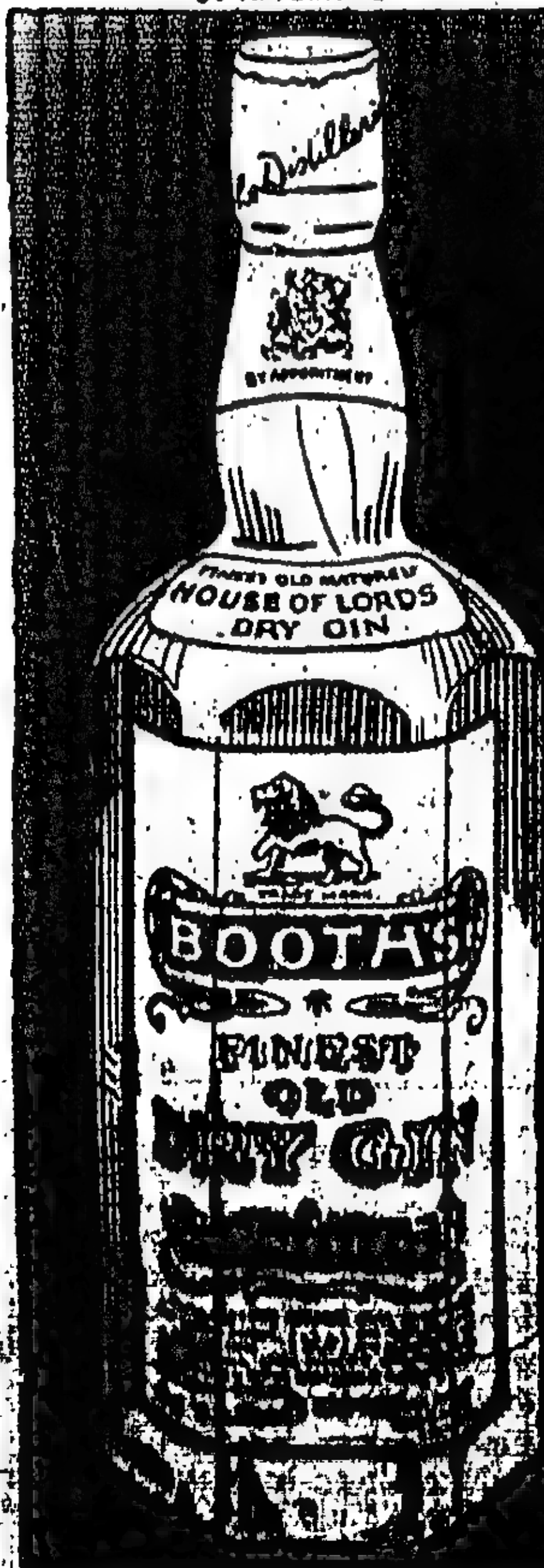
Miss E. Woolley, C.B.A.'s leader, was their most dangerous forward, but lacked support and in the closing stages had almost to force her way through on her own.

WELL-BALANCED

Diocesan Girls were a well-balanced side and should have emerged winners, but many scoring opportunities were thrown away by hesitating in the circle. Miss Ada Chang was their best forward and received good support from Miss V. Churn and Miss C. Kotewall, her right and left-wingers, respectively.

Miss B. Greaves, who has been selected as one of the Interport half-backs, gave another fine display of spilling, at left-half, while Miss F. Dodd, at centre-half, did well to hold Miss Woolley as long as she did.

Miss Woolley opened the scoring in the second half to give the visitors the lead, but D.G.S. retaliated strongly and Miss A. Chang equalised with a well-placed shot.



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Rumjahns' Narrow Escape

Rally After Losing First Set To Lee Wai Tong & Iu Tak Cheuk

CHINESE PAIR LOB BRILLIANTLY

(By "REFEREE")

DESPITE dismal conditions and a drizzle which interfered with play for about a quarter of an hour just before 6 pm., some bright and entertaining tennis was witnessed in the Colony Singles and Doubles Championships at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, the outstanding feature being provided by S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, who rallied after losing the first set at 2-6 to beat Lee Wai-tong and Iu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

I have never seen the Rumjahns play so poorly, but in particular S. A. Rumjahn, who hit everything overhead into the net in the first two sets. "H.D." played his quiet confident game, but it was the rain which was responsible for changing the whole aspect of the match.

Up to that period the Chinese pair had been holding their own, Lee Wai-tong scoring repeatedly with lob-volleys while his angle shots more often than not caught the Indian pair on the wrong foot.

VERY POOR SERVICE

Iu Tak-cheuk, however, was very disappointing, his first service being lamentably weak and invariably falling in the net. His midcourt volleying at the commencement was fairly accurate, however, and he scored with some very pretty angle-volleys, while his overhead smashing was more impressive than Lee's, but was badly affected in the closing stages when poor light and rain blurred his vision.

Outstanding feature of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th games of the first set was the fine lobbing of the Chinese pair, who concentrated on "Sirdar," whose returns more than not found the net.

The second set was very even and the games went alternately in favour of Lee and Iu until 4 all, when the Indians stormed the net where they scored repeatedly. Lee Wai-tong lost his service game to give the I.R.C. pair the lead and H. D. Rumjahn won the next, his service game, at love, to square the match.

LEE POACHES

With a slight drizzle making things decidedly uncomfortable for both pairs, but in particular Iu Tak-cheuk, whose vision was constantly blurred by rain drops and who consequently mistimed most of his shots, the C.R.C. pair lost vital points at various stages of the third set. Lee Wai-tong also grew very erratic and poached incessantly with disastrous effect, the Rumjahns taking full advantage of the "wide open spaces" to secure the

To-day's Tennis Matches

Best match in to-day's Colony Tennis Championships should be the singles encounter between E. C. Fincher and Paul Kong, which the former is expected to win. George Choa who meets H. C. Gan, should also be successful.

The following is to-day's and the rest of the week's programme:—

Open Singles

Lim Thian-bet v. Lee Yue-wing (8), H. C. Gan v. George Choa (4), A. Crawford v. Pang O-lam (5), E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong.

Club Championship

J. J. Ferguson v. Capt. A. B. Whiteman (8).

Club Handicap Singles

V. R. Gordon (—3.6) v. T. C. Monaghan (—4.6) (1), N. L. Evans (scr.) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (—1.6) (7).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Open Doubles
S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wai-tong and Iu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

Open Singles
W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.
Luk Chun-cheung beat C. R. Bax 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.
S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.

Forming The Correct Picture

By BEST BALL

Forming a correct mental picture of just how the swing should be made and then allowing the body to imitate this picture has proven of invaluable aid to many golfers. Youngsters at the game do this, more or less unconsciously, in their imitation of some star's style.

Joyce Wethered employs much the same principle when she advises golfers to think of each golf shot in terms of success. In other words if the golfer will only imagine that the shot he is about to

GRAPHIC GOLF



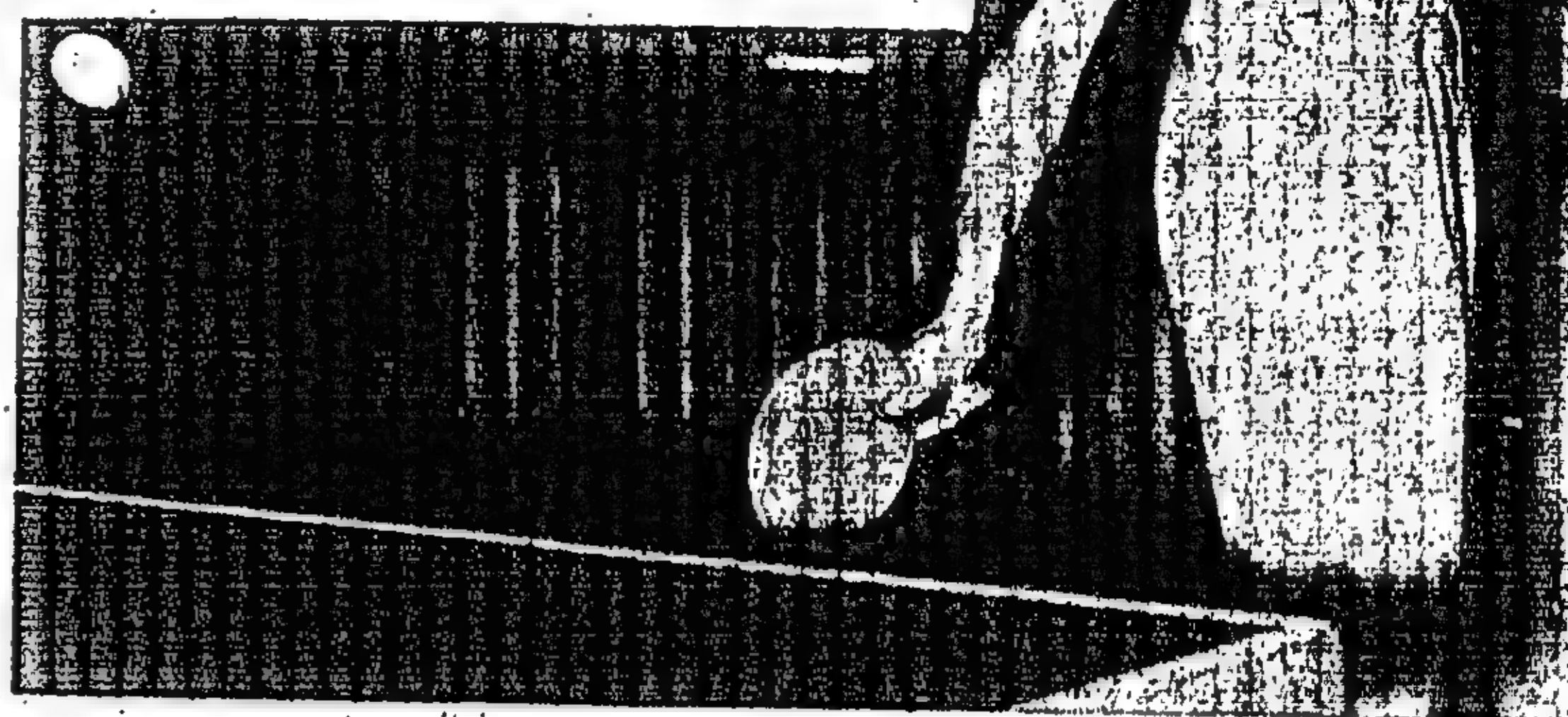
make will follow out the pattern he has mentally pictured for it, his game will be helped a lot.

For instance, the player may be faced with a second shot, in which his only chance for success lies in placing the ball on a small bit of fairway between two hazards. If he will form a mental image of his ball landing on this spot, the chances are greater that it will than if he had thought of nothing by keeping away from the two patches of trouble.

Every golfer has experienced negative thinking in this regard. Its

TABLE TENNIS ACE IN ACTION

The Table Tennis championships were held at the Albert Hall last month, with the finals at the Empire Pool, Wembley. Competitors included Vana, the world champion, and other leading players. Viktor Barna, a Hungarian, competed once again. Note the ball in this synchro-flash picture of Barna in play. (Copyright, Fox).



necessary points to carry them into the lead.

After the first four games had been shared, the Rumjahns swept all before them in the last four to enter the second round.

Paul Kong and Szeto Bick had little difficulty in disposing of the strong Craigetgower pair of J. W. Leonard and George Choa by 6-3, 6-0. The slight drizzle which also interfered with the other matches was responsible for a 10 minute halt, but as the Chinese pair were willing to carry on, the match was concluded.

Ma Wai-kwong, Kowloon Tong Singles champion, entered the second round of the Men's Singles at the expense of T. A. Pearce in a long drawn out game in which the Chinese player's steadiness and all court game carried him through. S. W. Liang also entered the second round at the expense of N. A. E. Mackay, although the first set was evenly contested.

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PICTORIAL GOLF TUITION

Sam Snead's Profusely Illustrated Book

(By AIR MAIL)

IN these March days, when the longer daylight makes a definite impression and we pleasantly realise the changing seasons, the fancy of many a young man, and many a man, too, who is no longer young, avidly turns to thoughts of fairways, greens, and swings. The golfer does not rely for his first intimation of Spring upon the daringly early crocus; he knows all about it from "inside" information. The urge to get back to the game again suddenly comes from within, and he sees visions and dreams dreams. To some extent he lives on mental golf pictures of familiar scenes and hopeful strokes until he can return regularly to his pleasures of the links.

There is something of the ecstatic in the prospect of beginning again; the lure of the game after the winter absence, for the wholehog abstainers, and even for those who have kept some occasional contact with courses during the cold months, can create emotions that are more delightful than describable. A new season brings a renewal of faith in ourselves and our prospects, and the majority of players approach resumption in the spring-clean frame of mind, and with the resolution to do better this time than last. If they can divorce that new urge from the doomed category of New Year resolutions there may be something substantial to show for it a few months from now.

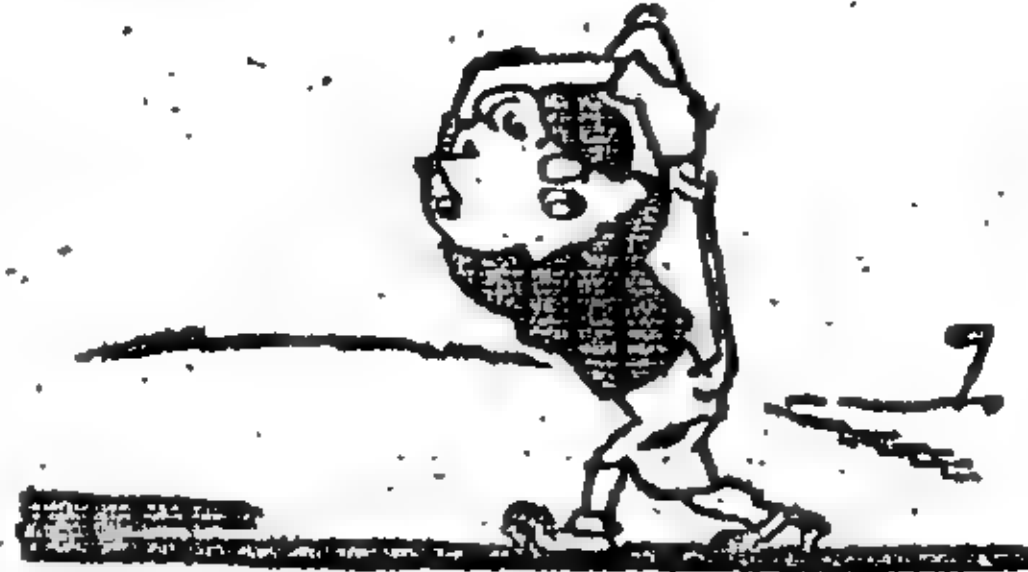
SHOWS US HOW

The instructional book by Sam Snead, the long-hitting young American, which has just been published, has therefore been well-timed. It will coincide usefully for many golfers, and particularly handicap players, with their spring-clean approach to another season, and I may say that Snead has struck out on rather a different tutorial line from most of the mentors who have gone into print.

The normal policy of printed teaching reinforces words with illustrations; in this case Snead uses words as auxiliaries to his pictures. The pictorial medium comes first with him. The publication is also well-timed, of course, on the heels of a year in which its author made more money out of competitions than anybody has ever done in the same period.

SELF TAUGHT

"Some of the world's finest golf instruction," writes Snead, "has been given to me, and some of what I have learned about golf, I have taught myself by watching great players at their



greatest and applying their methods. The result has been that I have come to the conclusion that only a limited amount of good golf can be imparted to the pupils by words alone.

Golf is a matter of feeling and touch. I'm not equal to the job of telling you exactly how you should feel when you make the motions required for a good shot. I doubt if there are words that could do that job." The leading professionals, he adds, can show their method clearly, but very rarely can they tell about it in words that can be understood by muscles, bones, and nerves.

THE CAMERA IN TUITION

Snead's pictures, which are in every instance excellent, will doubtless command unanimity of praise; his views about the value of words of printed teaching will not, however, command 100 per cent. agreement. The problem of conveying technique clearly and convincingly in words is obvious enough; but, on the other hand, the camera is not always an infallible eye-witness. Some confusion may easily be set up in the mind of the pupil, between what an expert executant tells the beholder he is doing, and the photograph of the same player in action.

Illustration without words would have been misleading, for example, in such an exalted case as Bobby Jones, for cinema photographs distinctly showed him to be on his toes at the moment of impact, when he would, of course, preach that the left heel should be firmly on the ground.

ON HER TOES?

I have, I think, seen a picture of even the peerless Miss Wethered, whose swing was as near the poetry of mo-



Two well-known members of the famous Mitcham Athletic Club, Miss Kathleen Tiffen, the Olympic hurdler, and Mr. Cecil Dale, were married at Christ Church, Mitcham, recently. Miss Tiffen was a member of the team which competed in the Third Woman's World Games in Prague, in 1936, and represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games in Berlin. Last year she visited Australia for the Empire Games. Our photograph shows Miss Tiffen during hurdle practice on the Mitcham ground. (Copyright, Fox).

tion as any human is likely to achieve, showing her on her toes when hitting the ball. The hefty and unorthodox Ted Ray used to heave himself off his feet at impact, but it did not need a swift-action photograph to catch him in the act. The camera has, however, done much for golf tuition, and Snead's photographs show as effectively as, I imagine, it can be done, not only the position of the feet at impact, but the swing process bit by bit for various strokes.

When Harry Vardon was first made a cinema camera slow-motion subject nothing, I remember, was more pronounced in that master stylist than the first flat position of his left foot at the striking instant. Ingenuity is well harnessed for the present-day student, and one striking example in Cotton's stage show is the luminous club-head in the dark showing the track of the swing.

THE INITIAL MOVEMENT

"Sam Snead's Quick Way to Better

SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR OF SCOTLAND PROPOSED

Johannesburg, (By Air Mail).—A report of a suggestion made in Scotland that South Africa should send a Rugby team to tour that country has been published here.

It states that Scotland is not satisfied with getting only four matches when a Dominions team tours there, and that South Africa, because of her close sporting relations with Scotland should be invited to send a team.

Golf," as it is called, which costs 5s and is distributed in the British Isles by the World's Work, Ltd., Kingswood, Surrey, differs in form from the usual work of this kind. It is rather bigger than the familiar type of illustrated weekly. I have taken the trouble to run a tape measure over it, and find that it is 14 inches by 10, so that illustrations of a good size occupy its pages. Twenty-four of these pictures, or three double pages, are taken up in showing the full drive, with the player facing the camera, and the other twenty-three are devoted to a side view of the same stroke. The verbal accompaniment to each illustration shows a marked economy, but what is there is clearly and concisely expressed.

Piece by piece, as the fast "machine-gun" camera has been stopped, a graphic idea is given of that all-important start-back of the club-head, that initial movement that can make or mar the swing—the first eighteen inches of the club-head's journey is potentially influential, the cooking of the wrists, the function of the left arm, the right leg axis for the back swing, the braced left side against the hitting, and the whole position at the start of the follow-through. Under illustration 8 in the side-view series he has this typical note: "The ball is on its way, and the club-head points after it. You can see in this picture that plenty of power has been poured into the shot by the right arm, but that it's kept in line by the straight left." Snead here presents the idea of right-hand hitting in his own way. The book discusses irons, putter, bunker recoveries, and various lies in the same pictorial manner, and in his illustrations you see this or that feature of the swing upon which golfers are inclined to fasten too exclusively fused into the harmonious whole.

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West Indies Cricket Team For England

R. S. GRANT CAPTAINS
PARTY OF 15

THE West Indian Cricket Board of Control have selected 15 cricketers to tour England in the summer under the captaincy of R. S. Grant. Grant, who is 30, is a Cambridge double Blue, like his brother, G. C. Grant, who also captained the West Indies. The team is:—

R. S. Grant (Trinidad) (Capt.),
I. Barrow (Jamaica),
H. P. Bayley (British Guiana),
J. H. Cameron (Jamaica),
C. B. Clarke (Barbados),
L. Constantine (Trinidad),
G. Gomez (Trinidad),
G. Headley (Jamaica),
T. Johnson (Trinidad),
E. A. Martindale (Barbados),
J. E. D. Sealey (Barbados),
J. Stollmeyer (Trinidad),
V. Stollmeyer (Trinidad),
K. H. Weekes (Jamaica), and
E. A. V. Williams (Barbados).
The team is expected to leave the West Indies towards the end of next month.

Kenneth Weekes, one of the newcomers, played against the combined Oxford and Cambridge side which visited Jamaica last year. He scored 12 and 106 in the first match and 58 in the second.

BETTER BALANCED

Thirty-nine years ago the first West Indies team toured England, and it has been told how, when G. L. Jessop once got properly to work against them, they went into paroxysms of job that such things could be done, even though it was at their own expense.

Since then they have made other, and always welcome, visits, first as eager learners, next as definite challengers, and now, at last, they come as "holders," for in the winter of 1934-35 R. E. S. Wyatt's team was defeated in the majority of decided Test matches.

CONSTANTINE'S VALUE

R. S. Grant, who was at Cambridge when the last side visited England in 1933, should find himself in command of a better balanced team than the one led by G. C., his elder brother, for six years ago too much depended on Headley with the bat and Martindale with his fast bowling.

During that tour, it will be remembered, Constantine's League engagement with Nelson prevented him from playing in more than five matches, but the fact that he is now permanently available will make a vast difference, even though at the age of 36 he may feel the change between once-a-week and continuous cricket.

SOME OLD RIVALS

Certainly Headley, Martindale and Constantine form a very nice nucleus for any side, and to their number, as far as touring experience goes, must be added Barrow, and excellent wicket-keeper and a good enough batsman to have made a century against England at Manchester in 1933.

Grant, of course, is thoroughly acquainted with English conditions, and so, too, is J. H. Cameron, who if never quite fulfilling the expectations aroused when in 1932 he took all 10 wickets against the Lord's Schools, has done much useful service for Cambridge and Somerset with the bat as well as with his "tweakers."

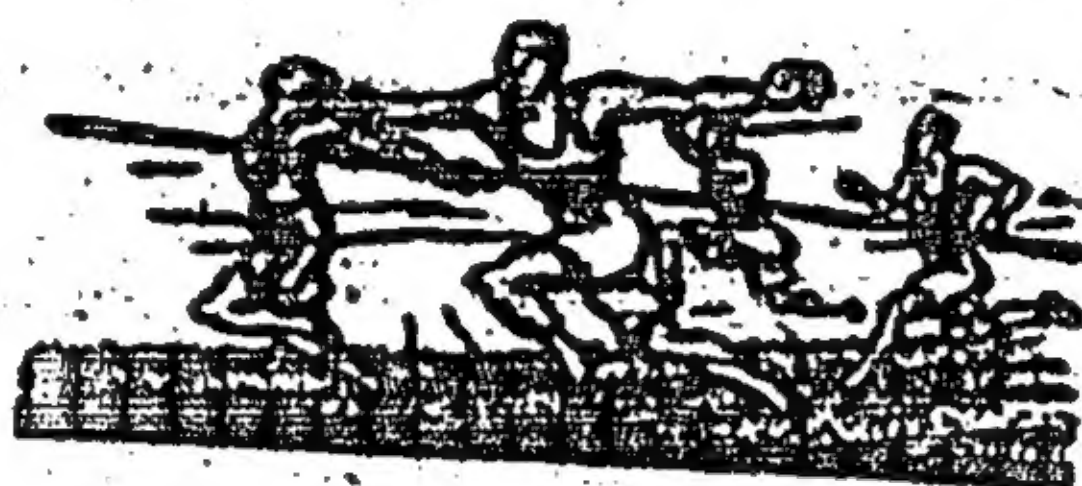
FAST BOWLER

Of the newcomers, Williams is a fast bowler and Clarke sends down leg-breaks and googlies at rather above the usual pace. English batsmen who met him on his own

Port O'Spain, Trinidad.

F.A. Refuse To Pardon Men They've Banned For 20 Years

FOOTBALL Association have refused to lift the life ban from football imposed twenty years ago on two club directors. Life ban followed the discovery in 1919 that Leeds City Football Club had been paying players £1 a match, contrary to the wartime amateur status ruling. And yesterday: "You'd think that twenty years was a sufficient sentence to impose," said Mr. Joe Connor, who was chairman of the club at the time and has since rigidly kept away from football grounds.



Athletics

Triangular Contest In Glasgow On July 1

It was intimated that the triangular Athletic international between Scotland, England, and Ireland will be held in Glasgow on July 1, at a meeting of secretaries held in Glasgow last night, to arrange the West of Scotland sports dates for the ensuing season.

Another important fixture, Atalanta v. Achilles club, takes the date July 29, which was usually allotted to Clyde F.C., who are not promoting a meeting this season. Also in Glasgow, on June 14, is the Atalanta engagement with Norwegian Universities.

The main items in the list of dates, including several national events, are as follows:—

- April 8—Scottish A.A.A. Spring Championships.
- May 20—Universities' Athletic Union Championships, in London.
- May 27—Glasgow University v. Trinity College (Dublin), at Westerlands.
- June 10—Scottish Inter-Universities' Championship, in Edinburgh.
- June 14—Atalanta v. Norwegian Universities, in Glasgow.
- June 23 and 24—Scottish A.A.A. Championships, at Hampden.
- July 1—Triangular (England, Scotland, Ireland) International, in Glasgow.
- July 7 and 8—A.A.A. Championships, in London.
- July 29—Atalanta v. Achilles, in Glasgow.
- August 12—Forth Games.
- August 25 and 26—Cowal Gathering, at Dunoon.

terrain may wonder at the exclusion of Hylton, whose speed, along with that of Martindale and Constantine, did so much to beat Wyatt's team.

The batting looks very strong. Headley, of course, we know. He has already scored six centuries, including 270 not out and 223, off English bowling. The left-handed Weekes makes a regular habit of scoring largely. Almost equally consistent is Bayley. J. E. D. Sealey played an innings of 91 in the last Test series, and much is expected of the stylish Gomez and the young brothers Stollmeyer.

ARMSTRONG'S \$1000 PENALTY CLAUSE IN CONTRACT

The contract which Henry Armstrong, the American, has signed to defend his World Welterweight Championship against either Ernie Rodrick or Jake Kilrain, which has been received in London, includes £1000 penalty for Armstrong's non-appearance.

The fight will take place at the White City Stadium, London, late in May or early in June.

Light Blues Beat Oxford At Hockey

(By AIR MAIL)

After a fast and keenly contested game, Cambridge beat Oxford in the forty-fifth inter-University match at Beckenham yesterday by three goals to two. The ground was in excellent condition, permitting both teams to play at great speed. About 3,000 spectators watched the many exciting periods in the match.

Cambridge opened by forcing the attack, and within three minutes, Borrett took a pass from Oliver and scored easily. The Oxford backs, Chasles and Cornish, were at fault in their covering-off tactics. The Cambridge forwards' passing was the quicker and more accurate, and after another spell of even play, Cambridge hit their second goal by Wakeling, again the result of some skilful passing by Oliver, the Cambridge captain. Oxford were, however, always trying hard, and after Merz, the Oxford goalkeeper, had parried a strong shot from Borrett, a long corner to Oxford saw Graham neatly score. This success roused Oxford, and the pace was greater than ever. At length, Eager raced down the field at high speed and from the edge of the circle placed the ball magnificently in the net, though it seemed to be suspiciously like offside. Half-time arrived with the score: Cambridge 2, Oxford 2.

Although the teams continued to play at a great speed, and the ball went from one end of the field to the other, the Cambridge forwards were showing more accuracy in their combined passing compared with Oxford, whose inside forwards dallied too much before parting with the ball. Twice the Cambridge forwards swept down the field and twice Merz, the Oxford goalkeeper, was called on to save.

A long corner was forced by Cambridge which, Merz cleared into touch, and from the short corner which resulted Jackson, the Cambridge centre-half, who was happily positioned, drove the ball into the net and won the game.

OXFORD.—H. Merz (Trinity), *R. A. E. Chasles (St. Peter's Hall), *V. L. Cornish (Exeter), J. F. C. Shaw (Brasenose), *A. C. B. C. Lloyd (Oriel), D. F. G. Walker (St. Peter's Hall), *E. D. R. Eager (Brasenose), *R. C. Fletcher (University), G. L. Graham (Brasenose), *A. P. D. Montgomery (Balliol) (capt.), and G. E. Fletcher (New).

CAMBRIDGE.—C. L. Hawson (Downing), R. M. Argyle (St. John's), R. C. Gibb (Peterhouse), P. R. Thomas (Selwyn), D. U. Jackson (Peterhouse), *P. R. Oliver (Trinity Hall) (capt.), G. B. Kenyon (Queen's), *J. D. Gotch (St. Catherine's), *J. D. Wakeling (St. Catherine's), *N. F. Borrett (Pembroke), and R. H. Gower (Pembroke).
* Old Blues.

ASTON VILLA SIGN RUTHERFORD

Aston Villa have secured the transfer of Joseph Rutherford, the Southport goalkeeper, at a fee believed to be in the region of £1500. Rutherford joined Southport from a Durham colliery team in the 1936-37 season, and has played in 88 League games for the club—the last 63 in succession.

COMING SOON!



CARDIFF'S RUGBY WIN OVER OXFORD

London, To-day.—Cardiff, playing at home, yesterday beat Oxford University at Rugby by 24 points to 12.

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Today's Wireless

Vaughan Williams' Serenade To Music: Schubert Symphony

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.20 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band with The Mills Brothers.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. "The Mikado"—Selection. (Sullivan). The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans.
"Lily Of Killarney"—Vocal Gems (Benedict). Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Chu Chin Chow"—Selection (Norton). Gaumont British Orchestra cond. by Louis Levy.
"Jolly Roger"—Vocal Gems. Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Router and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Partir Sur Un Bateau Tout Blanc (from Folies Bergere revue "En Super Folies"); Nuits De Miami (from Folies Bergere revue "En Super Folies"); Josephine Baker with Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Love Makes The World Go Round—Fox-Trot (from "These Foolish Things"); Teacher's Pet—Quickstep; Henry Hall & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Vocal—The Oregon Trail (Hill & De

Ross); All Set And Saddled (Tox Morton); Tox Morton (The Yodelling Boundary Rider) with His Guitar.
Dance Orch.—Don't Cross Your Fingers, Cross Your Heart—Fox-Trot; Stop Beating Round The Mulberry Bush—Quickstep; Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal by Nat Gonella.
Vocal—Slumming On Park Avenue (film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses (film "On the Avenue"); Alice Faye with Cy Fener Orch.
Dance Orch.—Land In Sight!—Quickstep; Wanting You—Fox-Trot; Billy Bartholomew & His Dance Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 7 In C Major. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Adrian Boult.
6.50 p.m.—Songs by Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano).
The Fishermidwife; The Secret (Schubert); Fisher-Ways (Schubert); Sung in German with Piano accomp. by Coenraad V. Bos.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell, Renara, The Hill Billies and Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.
Goody-Goody—Fox-Trot; It's Been

So Long—Fox-Trot (film "The Great Ziegfeld"); Benny Goodman & His Orchestra with Vocal by Helen Ward.
Climbing Up The Golden Stairs (arr. Hill Billies); In The Moonlight's Glow (The Hill Billies); The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accomp.
"Two For To-night" Piano Medley (Gordon & Reval) Renara (Piano).
Sandy, The All-In Wrestler (Powell, Thompson) Comedy Sketch by Sandy Powell.
Chloe—Fox-Trot; Jam Session—Fox-Trot; Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.
Outside An Old Stage Door (Noel, Pelosi, Pottison); Old Father Thames (Wallace, O'Hagan); Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Fred Hartley & His Orchestra.
"Glamorous Night"—Waltz Medley; Zing! Went The Strings Of My Heart (from "Gay Deceivers") Renara (Piano).
7.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Mrs. A. L. J. Dovey, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), on "Civilian Hospital Auxiliary Nursing Service".
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
"The Lilac Domino" (Cuvillier); Frank Westfield's Orchestra Prince of Wales' Playhouse, Lewisham.
"The Dubarry"—If I Am Dreaming (Millocker—arr. Mackeben); Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving.
"London Rhapsody"—Vocal Selections (Carr & Kennedy); The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Jack Frere.
"Evergreen"—Dancing On The Ceiling (Hart & Rodgers); Just By Your Example (Woods); Josale Matthews (Soprano) with Orch.
"The Merry Widow"—Selection (Lehar); Do Groot & His Orch.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay — "At The Black Dog", Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—London Relay — "Empire Exchange". Points of view by travellers from the Dominions & Colonies.
9.15 p.m.—Mussenet—"Le Cid". Ballet Music. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Vaughan Williams—Serenade To Music. Specially composed for and dedicated to Sir Henry Wood on the occasion of his Jubilee. Sir Henry Wood conducting the B.B.C. Orchestra. Soloists: I. Bailio, S. Allen, E. Suddaby, E. Turner, M. Balfour, A. Desmond, M. Brunsell, M. Jarred, H. Nash, W. Widdop, P. Jones, F. Titterton, R. Henderson, R. Easton, H. Williams, N. Allin.
10.08 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar. Imperial March, Op. 32... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
La Capricieuse, Op. 17... Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Siegfried Schultz at the Piano.
Woodland Interlude (from "Character", Op. 35); Dream Children, Op. 43, No. 1; Dream Children, Op. 43, No. 2... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood under the supervision of Sir Edward Elgar.
Elegy, Op. 53... London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay — "Who Wants Gold?". The story of General Sutter by A. L. Lloyd.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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♥ K 10 9 8 7 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q 4
N 9 8
W 9 8 5 4 3
E 9 8 5 4 3
S 9 8 5 4 3
A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♠	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Redbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

HIGH CARD VALUES
OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM
ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0

Certainly South can hardly be blamed for jumping to four spades and redoubling in view of the fact that his partner had had the temerity to put in a voluntary bid of two hearts. The fact remains that double-dummy defence would have set him a thousand points, and ordinary careful defence, which we believe East should have adopted, 400 points.

West opened the Ace of clubs and continued, East winning the second trick with the King. And now East returned — of all things — a trump! West, who was anxious to trump a heart, was unable to conceal a gesture of annoyance at this play, which South did not fail to notice. Thus South decided not to attempt to trump a diamond in dummy, but instead drew two rounds of trumps, breathing a sigh of relief when he found them divided. Now South played the Ace of hearts, overtook his Jack with dummy's King and played the ten through East. Dummy's third spade provided an entry for the rest of Aces.

the heart suit and South was able to discard all his diamonds and make an overtrick.

While a heart lead at Trick Three, followed by a diamond return and a second ruff, would have set the hand two, we believe that East should have laid down the Ace of diamonds. West would have played a discouraging defence, and then, as a last desperate hope, East should have led a heart.

You were the dealer yesterday and held:

♠ A Q J 10 9 8 7
♥ A K Q J
♦ A K
♣ —

Both sides were vulnerable. What was your bid?

ANSWER: Your correct opening bid is six spades. This bid clearly shows your partner you can make six spades without him and at the same time want no exchange of information. Hence, he will not raise you to seven with the Ace-King of clubs. On the other hand, if he does hold the King of spades, he will reason that that is the card you want to find out about for Grand Slam purposes and take you to seven with it.

Score 100% for six spades, 60% for two spades.

Question No. 48

You are David Burnstine's partner and hold:

♠ —
♥ —
♦ —
♣ —

The bidding:

Declarer	Major	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♠	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid now? (Answer Monday.)

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AT THE QUEEN'S — "Arkansas Traveller". Laughs jostle the heart throbs as America's two country lads save a failing business from disaster, run the crooks out of town and play Santa Claus to a budding romance. With Bob Burns, Fay Bainter, John Beal, Irvin S. Cobb, Jean Parker, Lyle Talbot and Porter Hall.

AT THE MAJESTIC — "The Shopworn Angel", with Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart and Walter Pidgeon a story of a girl who gave up a million to be a soldier's dream girl.

AT THE STAR — "Dark Journey". This production has Conrad Veidt and Vivien Leigh in the leading roles. An excellent spy-story with intriguing love interest and a range of picturesque situations. Others in the cast include Joan Gardner, Anthony Bushell, Ursula Jeans, Margery Field, Austin Trevor, Sam Livesey, Edmund Willard, Charles Carson and Phil Ray.

AT THE ORIENTAL — "Lord Jeff", with Freddie Bartholomew, Mickey Rooney and Herbert Mundin. A dramatic story of the training of boys for Britain's future Merchant Marine. Freddie portrays a boy, represented as a felon of nobility by crooks, who finds

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petty officer, first Freddie's Namesis, later his friend. The desperate fight between the two boys, the great boat race, the mast-climbing contests and other nautical school thrills mingle with human and dramatic touches in settings which are authentic and elaborate.

AT THE KING'S — "My Bill". Screen version of the well-known stage-play "Courage", with Kay Francis in her most appealing role as the mother of three ungrateful children and little Dickie Moore, who steals right into one's heart as the little laddie who fights for her happiness. With Kay Francis, John Littel, Anita Louise, Bonita Granville, Bobbie Jordan, Elisabeth Riden and Dickie Moore.

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G. V. HOBBS,
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Medical Officer in Charge.
Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong,
15th. March, 1939.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 16th. to 27th. March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
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Hong Kong, 1st. March, 1939.

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Mainland	Feet.
Taiwan Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

CZECHS SIGN DEATH WARRANT

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only 20 kilometres south of the town of Moravian Ostrau. The occupation of the town itself was carried out without any incident, the Czech militia having been withdrawn. The entire town is now in German hands.

The occupation began at 5.30 p.m. The police-headquarters and the town-hall were occupied first of all. Police and officials were disarmed and detained. Czech troops had already left the town and the whole industrial district, which forms the narrow salient between German and Polish territory.

TROOPS MOVING

At 6 p.m. further German troops crossed the Oder bridge which forms the frontier between Germany and Czechoslovakia, and disarmed the Czech customs officials and police who did not attempt any resistance. With armoured cars the troops quickly proceeded to Silesian Ostrava which adjoins Moravian Ostrau and from there to the Czech-Polish frontier at Michaelkovics.

Shortly after 8 p.m. further German troops reached Moravian-Ostrau.

At the same time the industrial centre of Vitkovics, situated only a few kilometres further south, which contains large blast furnaces and iron foundries, was occupied by German troops. The occupation was effected with such rapidity that neither here nor in the coal-mines the Czech found time for destruction.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARY'S ULTIMATUM TO PRAGUE

BUDAPEST, TO-DAY.
THE HUNGARIAN ULTIMATUM TO THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT WAS REMITTED BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VOERNLY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER HERE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

It points out that the Slovaks had declared their national independence and stresses the Hungarian Government's conviction that Slovakia, as part of the Czechoslovak Republic, became an independent State 20 years ago by virtue of the right of self-determination of peoples will fully appreciate the importance of this expression of their desire by the Slovak, German and Hungarian inhabitants of Slovakia.

Nevertheless events in Carpatho-Ukraine and the constantly recurring incidents which on one hand threaten peace on the frontier and on the other hand are calculated to justify the fears of attack on Slovakia who is asserting her right to self-determination compel the Hungarian Government to make five demands of the Czech Government.

PREVIOUS NOTE

The Hungarian Government again and most seriously draws the attention of the Czech Government to the Hungarian note of January 19 which was presented after the Czech aggression at Munkacs and in which it was stressed that in the

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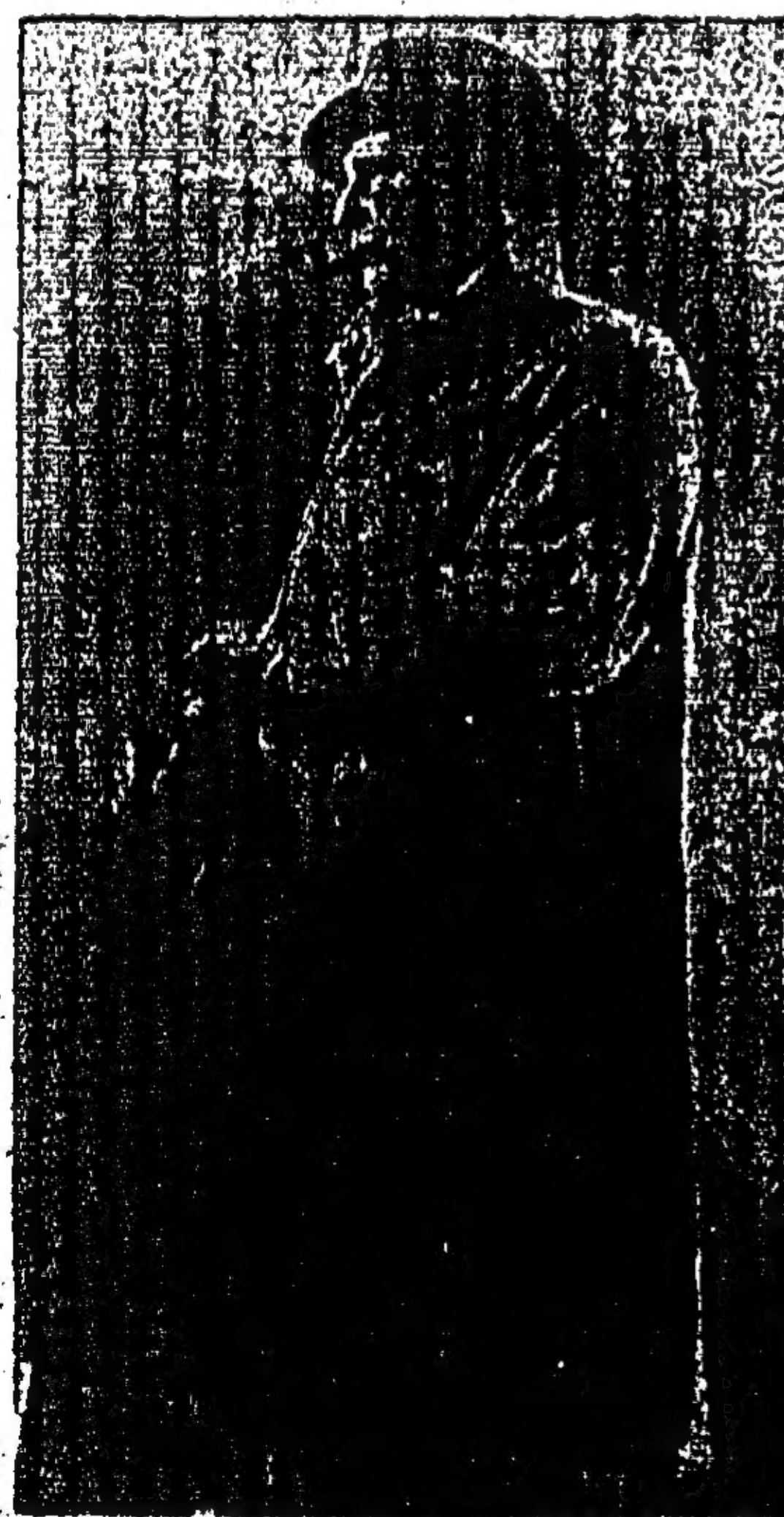
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event of a repetition of such incidents Hungary would not hesitate to resort to force. The note emphasises that the Hungarian Government true to its old established political principles could not remain indifferent in the case of an armed Czech attack on Slovakia at the Carpatho-Ukrainian frontier.

The note concludes by stating that the Hungarian Government expects a reply within 12 hours. Otherwise the Prague Government must assume full responsibility for the consequences.—Trans-Ocean.

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